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### Vital step toward peace

## Iraq urges OIC to probe who triggered Gulf war

BEIRUT, March 19 (R) — Iraq has called for the setting up of a committee to decide who was responsible for starting its 18-month-old war with Iran, the official Iraqi News Agency INA said Friday.

Baghdad's initiative appeared to be an important step forward in renewed attempts to end the expensive and debilitating Gulf conflict. INA said Iraqi President Saddam Hussein put the proposal in a letter to Guinean President Ahmad Sekou Touré, chairman of an Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) Committee trying to bring Iraq and Iran to the negotiating table.

Iraq's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hamad Alwan took the message to the Guinean capital, Conakry, Wednesday. INA said the committee idea first came from Iran early last year. Iraq had accepted last April, the agency added, but it did not explain why the committee was never formed nor why Baghdad was suggesting it again.

In his letter, President Hussein said he hoped "the truth will emerge clearly so that the Islamic peoples and world public opinion can be better acquainted with the extraordinary circumstances which caused the armed conflict," INA said. He also thanked President Sekou Touré and the committee for their efforts to bring about a just settlement to the dispute.

The committee visited Baghdad and Tehran last week and later said it had made some progress, although the two sides were still far apart on the terms for negotiations. Committee members said Iran was insisting

on Iraqi withdrawal from the territories it occupied in the early days of the war as a prerequisite for talks.

A Washington Post correspondent who saw Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan last week quoted him as saying Iraq would be prepared to withdraw in stages, provided talks were under way and showed signs of progress. Both sides have said they are prepared to fight a protracted war.

The Washington Post quoted First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan as having said in Baghdad that Iraq would be prepared to withdraw from captured Iranian territory in stages before conclusion of a peace agreement, provided talks were under way and showed signs of progress. The Post quoted Western diplomats as having said Iraq's stand had been conveyed to Iran through the OIC team.

## U.S. going ahead with Stealth

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AFP) — Despite maximum security surrounding the project, there are clear indications that the Pentagon is going ahead at full speed to develop Stealth, an advanced technology bomber that cannot be detected by enemy radar.

The official black-out on everything connected with the aircraft — which owes its radar invisibility to its non-metallic construction and specially adapted Profile-2 has been partly breached by occasional unguarded remarks in the Congress and details in

## Hussein says M.E. on the brink of war

NEW YORK, March 19 (AP) — King Hussein of Jordan says the Middle East is approaching the brink of war because of dangerous rifts among Arab states and Israel's continued occupation of the West Bank. The New York Times reported Friday.

In an interview at his residential palace outside Amman, Hussein told The Times, "We are passing through one of the most critical stages we have witnessed in our time. It is far more serious than it has ever been."

Hussein said the foreign policy of the United States has "eroded to the point where it has now adopted the role of a postman, a carrier of messages." He said the United States should "blow the dust from all its past commitments and re-examine them." Opening talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization would be a step in the right direction, he said.

specialized publications.

A considerable leak came from no less a source than director of Pentagon research Richard Delauer, who in reply to a Congressman's question made it known that the first Stealth strategic bombers will be operational in 1991.

Questioned about a report this week in the specialized defense weekly, Army Times, indicating that Stealth bombers could go into production this year, a senior Pentagon official said it contained "a strong element of truth".

## Gold mania hits UAE

MANAMA, March 19 (AP) — The gold mania has spread to the United Arab Emirates, according to reports here Friday.

The Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency said in a report from Abu Dhabi that gold dealers have been inundated with buyers throughout Thursday and even Friday in the seven Emirates making up the U.A.E. "Gold markets have been crowded with people wanting to buy, in a feverish way," the report said.

It attributed the rush to "the belief that gold prices have become low now and fears that they may rise again, even though no new developments support this belief."

A switch to yellow of similar proportions was reported earlier this week in two Gulf countries — Qatar and Kuwait.

Demand in Qatar is said to have increased ten-fold in the past week. Kuwaiti dealers are reported meanwhile to have placed huge orders for gold in major world capitals despite government warnings about "the counter-productivity" of gold hoarding. (Jeddah market remains calm p. 2.)

## UAE all set to tap major gas finds in Sharjah

MANAMA, Bahrain, March 19 (AP) — The Amoco-Sharjah Oil Company will start commercial exploitation next May of two major gas finds, with an estimated reserve of 10 trillion cubic feet, in Sharjah. Exports will begin May 15 through a pipeline already constructed, according to Sheikh Sultan Bin Muhammad Al Qasbi, member of the UAE Supreme Council and ruler of Sharjah.

Sharjah is one of seven emirates making up the UAE. It has only one minor operating oilfield, in contrast with major fields in the two larger emirates of Abu Dhabi and Dubai which account for the bulk of the UAE's output of about 1.6 million barrels daily.

Sheikh Sultan said work will start soon on a liquefaction plant with a 250-billion-cubic-foot capacity and that about 600 million cubic feet of gas will be used annually in local electric power plants. UAE newspaper bannerlined the finds Friday as a bonanza which will spur economic and business activities in Sharjah to unprecedented levels.

## Positive effects of price fall ruled out

PARIS, March 19 (AFP) — The sharp drop in oil prices will bring a welcome breathing space for both rich and poor oil importing nations, but the effects may not all turn out to be positive, international economists and oil experts have said here.

Striking a note of caution, they said the latest developments on the energy front could complicate the economic outlook and make it more unpredictable.

They also discounted as dangerously over-simplified some recent comments in the West suggesting that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) could be on the brink of collapse, or that the energy crisis had simply gone away for good.

Stressing that the impact of declining oil prices is hard to assess these experts foresaw: — An initial positive effect on price rises and economic growth in the industrial nations

## Tories get boost by Howe's budget

LONDON, March 19 (AFP) — Britain's Conservative Party has been given a popularity boost by the "mini-recovery" budget presented ten days ago by Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe.

According to recent opinion polls, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's party would win a between 31.5 and 37 percent of votes if elections were held now. Only three months ago, the Tory percentage had fallen to nearly 20 percent. Some months ago, polls indicated that an alliance between Liberals and the newly-formed Social Democratic Party, founded by senior Labor dissidents, could win a general election. The turnaround in Tory fortunes is attributed by political observers to the latest budget, the tax reductions announced with it, and the lower interest rates, particularly for housing loans, which followed.

## Fake FBI men bolt with \$2m

BRENTWOOD, Pennsylvania, March 19 (AP) — Two bandits posing as FBI agents overpowered an armed guard at an armored truck collection center and escaped with more than \$2 million in cash, the FBI said Thursday.

The men were dressed in trench coats, snap-brim hats and tinted aviator-style glasses, ducked into the Purotor Armored Inc. building in suburban Pittsburgh as an electric garage door was closing late Wednesday, said special agent Jeff Kimball. "They identified themselves as agents, showed some form of identity and were able to get close enough to the guard to grab him," Kimball said. "They did not show any weapons."

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## Aims at output cut

# OPEC summit vows to keep base price

By Maher Othman  
Arab News Staff  
VIENNA, March 19 — In spite of mounting pressures that threatened to force OPEC states to reduce their prices below the present benchmark of \$34 per barrel (based on Saudi Arabian light crude), the OPEC ministers meeting here Friday expressed their determination to defend their present price which they announced last October.

Statements made by several OPEC ministers following three-hour consultations indicated that they seem to be concentrating on reducing levels of production. The ministers resumed their deliberations at 5 p.m. (local time).

The main pressure on OPEC comes from Western oil companies that are putting high supplies of their inventories on the markets which have reduced demands on OPEC's oil, consequently cutting the revenues of OPEC members.

Dr. Humberto Calderon Berti of Venezuela said that OPEC received a report from a private consultant from the U.S. which indicated that 5.7 million barrels per day are being injected into the market from stocks of oil companies. He added that "we all realize that increased reliance on coal and energy conservation are important elements in reducing demand, but we believe that a far

more important reason is the drawing of inventories in industrial nations."

It is clear that other factors outside OPEC's control are now affecting the state of supply and demand. Among these factors are Mexican oil production and the North Sea oil. Britain announced recently the reduction of its North Sea oil price to \$31, which put pressure, especially on Nigeria which is currently under great pressure to seek a substantial cut in the oil price.

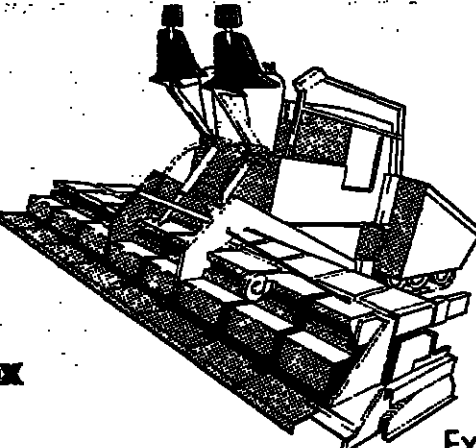
The Nigerians are facing tremendous problems due to their declining level of production in the last few weeks from 1.8 million bpd in January this year to 1.2 million bpd at present. Britain's decision to cut the prices of its North Sea hit Nigeria especially hard.

Dr. Mana Saeed Al-Otaiba, president of OPEC and UAE petroleum minister said: "We did not agree in Qatar on any specific ceiling of production. We agreed to tackle the present problems by reducing production, defending our price and absorbing the glut". A figure of 18.5 million bpd has been repeatedly quoted as a possible ceiling for production of OPEC. While Dr. Berti of Venezuela said such a level would be reasonable, other ministers like those of Iraq, Iran and Algeria believe that it would be necessary to have a much lower ceiling of production.

— Sharper competition for developing nations seeking to finance widening payments deficits through commercial borrowing, as falling oil revenues force more OPEC countries to raise needed finance on the market.

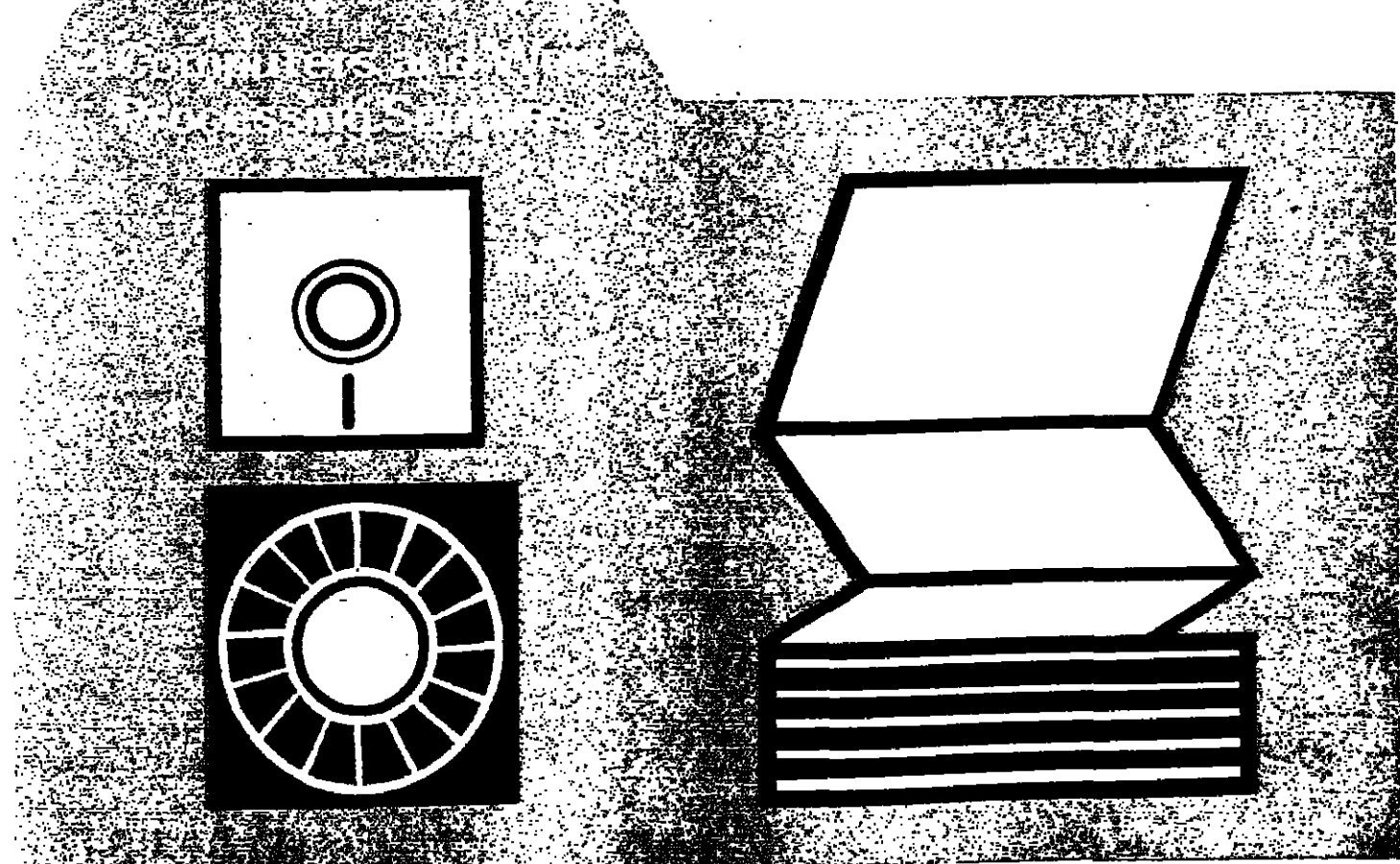
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## For 1st phase of Al-Hukm Palace development

## Prince Salman signs contract

RIYADH, March 19 (SPA) — Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman Friday signed a contract for the implementation of the first phase of Al-Hukm Palace development project, in his capacity as chairman of the higher board for the development of Riyadh.

Prince Sattam, deputy governor and vice-chairman of the board, said in a statement that the signing of the contract ushers in the first implementing stage of the re-development of the area. This step will be followed by other more comprehensive steps, with a view to developing the whole area in harmony with the building boom in the capital, he added.

Prince Sattam said that the governor has exerted ceaseless efforts in crystallizing the idea of re-development since 1968.

sued the plan's study step by step, and has been keen to find the best means of following up the project, he added. For this purpose, a special office was created and a high executive committee was formed under him, with its main task to provide guidelines on the project, the prince said, adding that Prince Salman is also keen to see that the studies and plans be based on modern designs so the area could be within the easy reach of all, preserving its historic Islamic value at the same time.

Prince Sattam said that the governor supervised the drafting of the phased program for the project's development, taking into consideration that the commercial activity in the area faces no confusion. As an example, he said, a provisional market was built for the jewelers on Makkah road, before

their removal from Al-Hukm Palace area. The governor also made efforts toward the fund allocation for the project in the budget of this year, he added.

Prince Sattam said that the implementation period for the first phase is two and a half years, during which premises for the governorate, police station and the municipality will be completed together with all basic amenities. The second phase will include the construction of Al-Hukm Palace, the Justice Square, the Grand Mosque and the Cultural Center. The development program also includes commercial centers which will grow with private as well as mixed capitals. Arrangements have also been made for a large parking area for the facility of visitors to the area, he added.

## Gold fever is not expected to grip Kingdom -- dealers

By Suresh Shah and Habib Rahaman  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 19 — The gold rush reported in the Gulf has not been duplicated here. The continuous fall in price during the last two and a half years has knocked the glitter off this precious metal with the result that confidence in it has been somewhat eroded.

Many gold dealers here held the same opinion that "any recovery will prove short-lived and prices will go below \$300 per ounce". They feel that the present high demand is a temporary phenomenon and is confined to small buyers who could not purchase earlier due to higher rates. However, "major buyers and real investors are keeping aloof from the market, waiting for the price to fall further", they added.

Sulaiman A. Al-Owayed, western zone manager of Al Rajhi Company for Currency Exchange and Commerce, told *Arab News* that "people have no trust in gold and are afraid that the price will go down further." Looking at the conditions of those who had purchased earlier and lost heavily, the new buyers are still hesitant.

He said that experts believe the "prices should go down further this month". The reasons for this slump, according to him, were the recent heavy selling of the metal by the Soviet Union, the second largest gold producer after South Africa. The U.S. economy is in recession and interest rates are rising there, thus cash is more attractive compared to gold, he added.

Ibrahim A. Alsubaei, of Alsubaei money changing firm said that the reports from advanced countries indicate a further fall in price and "it may soon reach \$290-300". He said, gold has become weaker because of higher interest rates for the dollar; no new big purchases because buyers have lost faith; and the Soviet Union has recently sold about 60 tons of gold, in addition to sales made by Iran and Iraq. "The rate of interest in the U.S. was over 17 percent, so there is more preference for currency rather than for blocking money in gold", he added.

## Korean minister backs peace plan

JEDDAH, March 19 (SPA) — Korean Minister of Trade and Industry Suh Suk-Joon reiterated Friday that the Arab peace plan, proposed by Crown Prince Fahd is "realistic and constructive" for the settlement of the Middle East problem.

In a statement to *Okaz* newspaper, the Korean minister expressed his admiration for the Saudi Arabian government's efforts in creating the conditions of stability and security in the whole region. He said the Kingdom's oil policy serves the interest of the people, and added that the creation of the Gulf Cooperation Council is a very significant achievement that would strengthen security and bring about economic development in the Gulf states. Korea maintains very good relations with the GCC member states, the minister said.

Suh-Joon and his party began their visit to the Kingdom in Jeddah last Friday. He held talks with the ministers of industry and electricity, petroleum and mineral resources and commerce. He also paid a visit to the Eastern Province.

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:53	3:55	3:27	3:14	3:38	4:08
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:33	6:34	6:05	5:52	6:16	6:46
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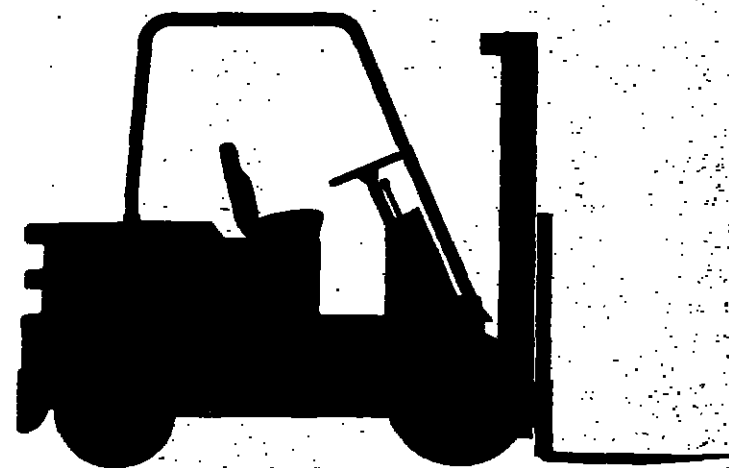
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## Arrives in Jeddah today

## King, Marcos to begin talks in Riyadh Sunday

JEDDAH, March 19 (SPA) — King Khaled will lead the party of officials at Riyadh airport Sunday to welcome President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines as he arrives for a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia.

The King and Crown Prince Fahd will discuss with President Marcos issues of common interest and bilateral relations. Talks will also be held between the Saudi and the Filipino delegation members. President Marcos will arrive in Jeddah Saturday and will lunch with King Khaled at noon Sunday. Ministerial level talks will start Sunday afternoon. In the evening, President Marcos and the accompanying delegation will attend a dinner banquet given in his honor by King Khaled.

Monday, the Philippine President will visit the Planning Ministry, watch horse races in the afternoon and hold a press conference at the Conference Palace about the outcome of his visit. He will leave Riyadh for Jeddah Tuesday morning, to visit the Jeddah Islamic Port in the afternoon of the same day. He will return home the next day.

Saudi-Filipino relations center on two major objectives, namely to foster cooperation and to promote the two countries' interests and, for Saudi Arabia, to look after the cause of Muslims in the Philippines who have outstanding problems and need help to preserve their identity and to guarantee their right to perform their religious rites freely and exercise their legitimate rights.

For the past few years, there has been an exchange of official visits while the Kingdom

covered 30 percent of the Philippine's oil needs. In 1974, the Kingdom promised to come to its rescue when it faced an acute energy crisis. Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, minister of petroleum and mineral resources visited the Philippines in 1981 and President Marcos gave him the highest civil distinction in the country in appreciation of his services as oil minister of the largest oil exporting country in the world. King Khaled donated \$300,000 for the establishment of a Holy Quran printing press. The Holy Book was printed in English and Tagalog (the major language in the Philippines). The Kingdom also donated \$2 million to help an Islamic law (Sharia) institute in Manila. There is also the King Faisal Center for Islamic and Asian Studies at Mindanao State University and the Golden Mosque in Manila.

According to the latest government-to-government agreement, Saudi Arabia undertook to supply 20,000 barrels of oil a day to the Philippines. There is also a three-year cooperation agreement between the two countries in the fields of industry, training and dockers training. Moreover, according to statistics, more than 77 percent of the Filipino workers in the Middle East, are in Saudi Arabia. The number of Filipino workers in the Kingdom is estimated at more than 150,000. Also, an air transport agreement, signed in 1977, facilitated travel between the two countries. Other agreements regulating trade and business have also been signed.

## Home furnishing market develops — survey

JEDDAH, March 19 — The Kingdom's home furnishing market size is on the rise, as government-sponsored construction projects spread to the northern and southern regions. The major cities of Jeddah and Riyadh are clogged with dealers and importers, with urban market growth increasingly settling in selected market segments, particularly in the higher price ranges. A recent Saudi Business market survey found that imported furnishings are in many cases giving way to the burgeoning domestic industry.

Dealers report annual sales growth figure of between 15 and 25 percent. Imports, however, have declined in unit terms. Statistics published by the Ministry of Finance and National Economy show

that the value of furniture imports rose from SR1.8 billion in 1979 to SR2.1 billion in 1980.

Imports are declining not because Saudi Arabians are buying less but because domestic furniture goods are increasing. The Saudi Arabian wood products industry, which had only 20 plants in 1973-74 with a total investment of SR37 million and 1,175 workers, expanded to 67 units with an investment capital of SR840 million and 4,153 workers in 1979-80.

The largest of the nearly 50 domestic manufacturers is Al-Mutlaq Furniture which has plants in Jeddah, Riyadh, Dammam and Al-Khobar. According to its commercial and marketing manager, G.K. Farah, the domestic industry is

favored by government import protection that levies a 20 percent duty on imported furnishings. Farah said he doubted the Kingdom will begin producing the whole range of home furnishing items any time in the near future.

Another major manufacturer is Jeddah-based Al-Arousa, which sells its products mainly by contract to government bodies. The firm has won many contracts and finds itself unable to meet demand even when producing at full capacity.

Carpets are a home furnishing item, for which demand in big cities appears to be soaring regularly. Dealers in Riyadh report annual sales growth of 20-30 percent over the last four or five years.

## Saudi Telephone has many jobs for local youths

JEDDAH, March 19 — The Saudi Telephone has announced that it has a number of employment opportunities for Saudi Arabian young men wishing to serve at the different projects of the department.

According to Friday's issue of *Al-Madinah* newspaper, the Saudi Telephone's biggest project at present is the expansion of telephone lines in most parts of the country. The paper quoted an official source as saying there are hundreds of lucrative vacancies with a wide scope of selection according to the interest and aptitude of the candidate.

At present, the Saudi Telephone has more than 13,000 Saudi Arabian young men in its employment. They work in different fields of specialization, while the department organizes training facilities for many of them both inside the country and in several other countries.

Meanwhile, the Saudi Telephone's official spokesman has urged Saudi Arabian young men, who are interested to work with the department, to get in touch with the employment center at the telephone complex in Riyadh. *Al-Madinah* reported.

## BRIEFS

JEDDAH (SPA) — Deputy Governor of Makkah Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen will open the 20th annual charity market for the Women's Welfare Society here Wednesday. The exhibit will contain products of local industries; works of women at the society's dressmaking section and also of the families being looked after by the society. Foreign communities from the diplomatic missions here will also put their works on display.

JEDDAH (SPA) — Sheikh Salem Ahmad Khurfan Al-Bur'uni, Omani communications undersecretary, arrived here Friday on a few days' visit to the Kingdom. He was met at the airport by Sheikh Nasser Al-Assaf, head of the civil aviation; Ahmad Abdul Ghani, director of Jeddah's roads department; and several other officials.

RIYADH (SPA) — A thesis for the Mas-

ter's degree, prepared by Othman ibn Nasser ibn Rashed Al-Yamani on "the Islamic trend in the Andalusian literature from the beginning of the seventh century of the Islamic calendar until the fall of Granada", will be discussed at the College of Sharia here Saturday. The reviewing committee comprises Dr. Ali Abdul Halim Mahmoud, associate professor at the college of Arabic language and the scholar's guide; Dr. Muhammad Dughaim, assistant secretary of the association of Arab universities; and I Dr. Muhammad ibn Saad ibn Hussein, an associate professor at the college.

JEDDAH (SPA) — The Itihad Club and the Qadesiah Club of Kuwait played a match at the youth welfare hall here Thursday, as part of the Gulf volleyball championship. The game ended in a 3-1 victory in favor of the Qadesiah team.

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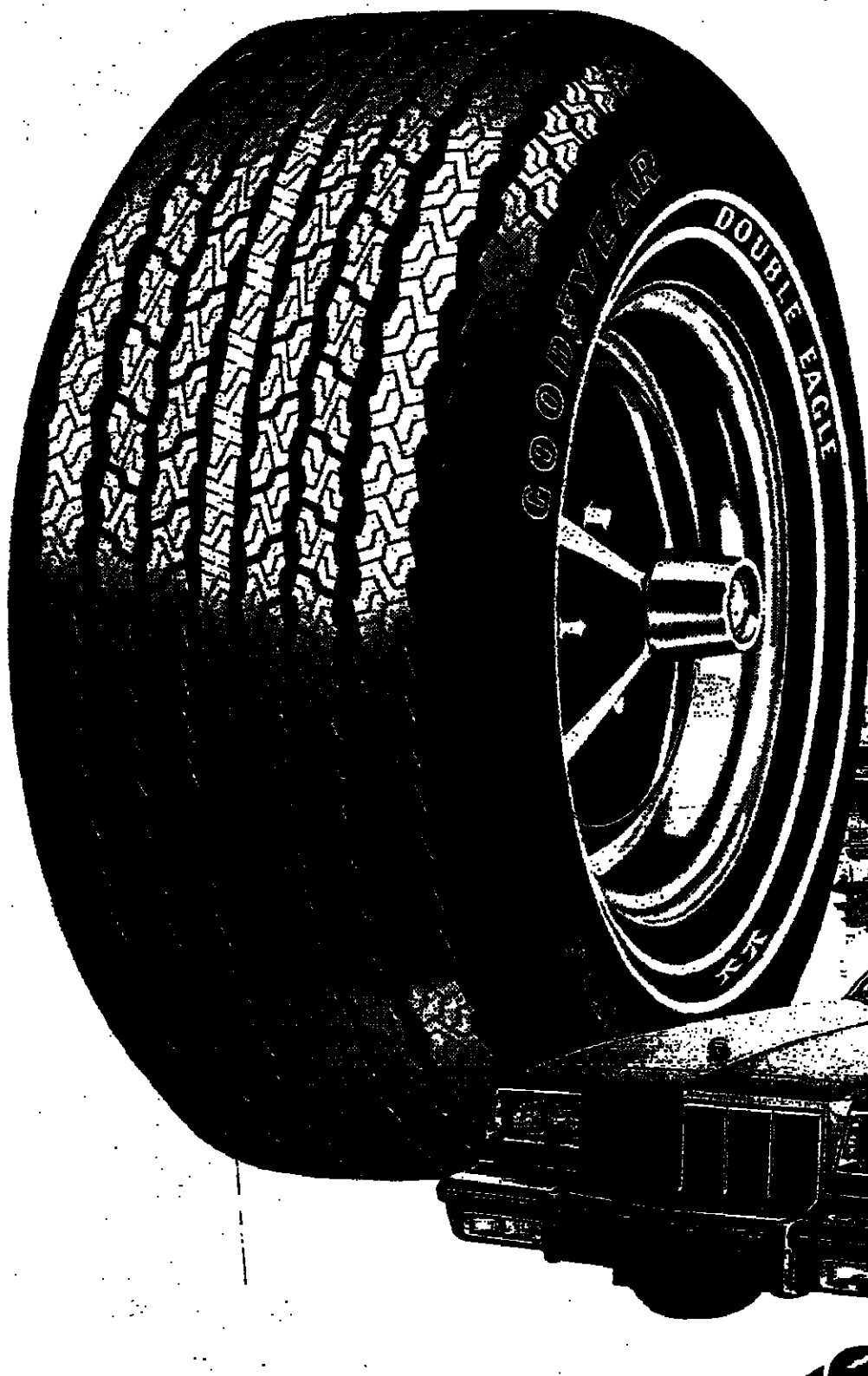
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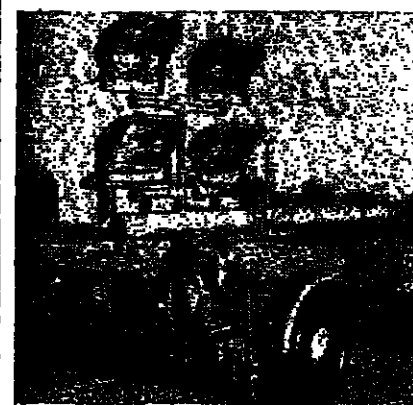
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## West Bank crippled by general strike

TEL AVIV, March 19 (Agencies) — West Bank residents went on a general strike Friday in protest against the dismissal of one of their town councils by Israeli occupation authorities. The entire area, which has had anti-Israeli disturbances for the past two weeks, was virtually shut down. Eyewitnesses said the area was quiet.

At the same time, the occupation authorities banned Arabic newspapers in the West Bank, fearing they would incite the Palestinian population. The mayors of the main West Bank towns called the three-day strike Thursday after occupation authorities dismissed the mayor of El Bireh, Ibrahim Tawil, and his council, replacing them with army officers and Israeli civilians. The mayors said that the unprecedented move was the first step in a plan to replace all the town councils, which came to power in municipal elections in 1976.

Informed sources said the mayors, some of whom are banned from leaving their towns, had been in contact by telephone overnight to discuss further protest action. The El Bireh Council was disbanded apparently because it refused to meet a new Israeli civilian team appointed to take over some of the military administration's duties in the West Bank.

The mayors, who support the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), said the changes were designed to help perpetuate Israeli rule over the occupied territories.

## Car bomb defused in Beirut

BEIRUT, March 19 (AP) — A car laden with 60 kg of explosives was discovered and defused outside a building housing the Egyptian Embassy in west Beirut shortly before it was set to detonate Friday, police sources said.

A car bomb explosion outside the same building killed three persons and wounded 10 others last Tuesday. A day earlier, another car bomb had exploded in the nearby French cultural center wounding 13 persons. The Egyptian Embassy has become a special affairs section for Egyptian affairs operated by the French Embassy since the rupture of relations between Lebanon and Egypt after Egyptian President Anwar Sadat signed the 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

No further details were available on Friday's car bomb and police were investigating the incident.

ISLAMABAD, (R) — Pakistan's President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq has issued a decree prescribing life imprisonment for anybody desecrating the Qur'an.

LONDON, (AFP) — Sultan Qaboos of Oman left London Friday after a three-day official visit that furthered the military and economic cooperation between Britain and the Gulf state.

MOSCOW, (AP) — Ali Nasser Muhammad, President of South Yemen, will visit the Soviet Union later this month, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported Friday.

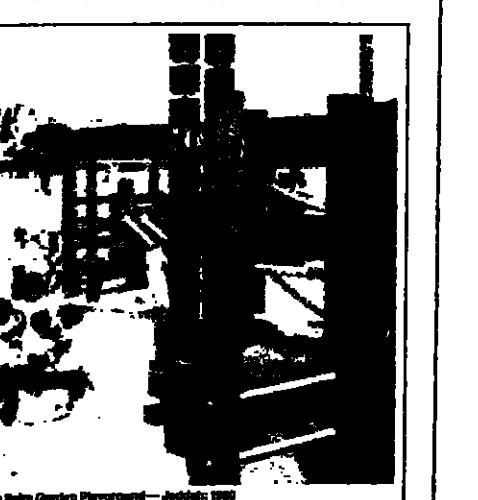
PARIS, (R) — Bahrain's Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Sulman Al-Khalifa said in an interview Thursday that Egypt would be welcomed back in the Arab fold with open arms.

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## Weinberger to visit Israel

By Tom Martella  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 19 — U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger will visit Israel in May. Pentagon spokesman Henry Catto has confirmed reports of the impending visit based on a statement by Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon have been circulating.

The Pentagon Thursday did not specify the purpose of the trip, but one official speculated Weinberger would visit the Multinational Force and Observers team which will be overseeing the Sinai after Israel returns the last portion to Egypt April 25. "I think he'll probably visit Tel Aviv," said the official, adding that "he might want to take a look at the MFO team."

The Pentagon said Weinberger has had a longstanding invitation to visit Israel.

## Ceasefire fragile, Habib tells Reagan

WASHINGTON, March 19 (R) — Special U.S. envoy Philip Habib has told President Reagan that a ceasefire between Israel and Palestinian commandos in Lebanon remained fragile but both sides wanted to avoid new hostilities.

Habib, who helped negotiate the ceasefire last summer, told reporters: "Any move which could lead to a breakdown of the ceasefire must be avoided." However, the situation is still fragile," he added, noting this was despite the fact violations had been of minor significance compared to a year ago. Asked about reports that Israel might be preparing new military action against the Palestinian forces in South Lebanon, he said: "I received a clear indication that they (the Israelis) wish to abide by the ceasefire."

## Queen Nour sees erosion of U.S. principles in M.E.

By Nan B. Antony  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 19 — Jordan's Queen Nour al-Hussein, in a strongly worded message from her husband to the people of America, has said that "at stake is the freedom of the Palestinian people, their identity as an Arab nation, U.S. interests and world peace." She said that the United States had allowed the gradual erosion of its commitments and principles.

Speaking to an audience of over 600 persons at Georgetown University this week, the American-born wife of Jordan's King Hussein said her remarks were that of a friend. "There will be no peaceful solution unless all of those involved undertake new efforts toward progress in the peace talks," according to King Hussein's message.

The queen sketched the summary of events in the region since the adoption of Resolution 242 by the U.N. Security Council. "At that time," she reminded her audience, "we were told this would be implemented within six months." According to the king's letter,

## Rabat launches new bid on Sahara

RABAT, March 19 (R) — Morocco launched an initiative Friday to secure progress by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) toward a settlement of the war in Western Sahara.

The territory, ruled by Morocco, is claimed by fighters of the Polisario Front who are waging war with Algerian support to establish a Saharan Arab Democratic Republic. The war has split the OAU and prompted walkouts by a number of countries at two recent meetings of the organization.

Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta Friday began a tour of seven countries which belong to an OAU committee formed to arrange a ceasefire in Western

Israel moved immediately following the 1967 war to expand settlements into the occupied territories. This kind of expansion has been continuing, the message continued. The solution to the Middle East now lies with the United States," the message added.

Meanwhile, a former Labor British defense minister has said that "unwavering U.S. support for Israel had fostered a bitter Arab hostility which could be exploited by the Soviet Union."

Lord Mayhew told reporters U.S. policy on the Middle East had created a dangerous division with the Western alliance. Mayhew, who as Christopher Mayhew was defense minister in the Labor government from 1964-66, is now the Liberal Party spokesman on defense matters and is publisher of *Middle East* international magazine. He said the European Economic Community had sought to encourage Palestinians to bridge longstanding differences with Israel but "we do not see reciprocity" on the U.S. side in trying to influence Israel.

Sahara and hold a referendum among its people on their future.

Boucetta took messages from King Hassan to the presidents of the countries involved which are Guinea, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan and Tanzania.

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## Tindemans plans Mideast visit on behalf of EEC

BRUSSELS, March 19 (R) — Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans is planning a Middle East trip on behalf of the European Economic Community (EEC) after Israel's scheduled withdrawal from Sinai next month, informed sources said Friday.

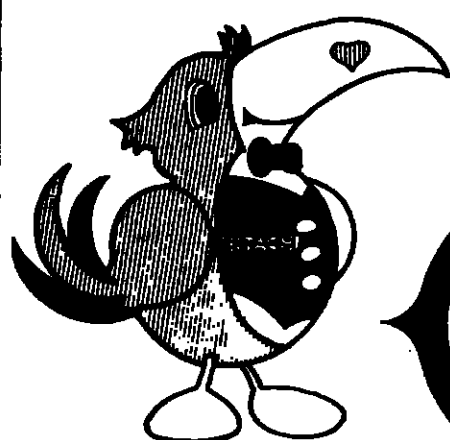
Tindemans, current president of the EEC Council of Ministers, would visit Israel and possibly other Middle East countries, to explore what role the 10-nation EEC might play in advancing peace in the Middle East, they said. The sources said no final decision on the visits had been taken, but Tindemans had the firm intention of going.

They added that the matter was likely to be discussed informally at a meeting of EEC foreign ministers in Brussels next week, although a formal announcement of the visits probably would not come until after the Israeli withdrawal, due before April 26. A Belgian Foreign Ministry spokesman declined comment on Tindemans' plans.

The EEC formulated a statement on the Middle East in Venice in 1980, when it called for the involvement of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in peace talks.

Since then, successive presidents of the EEC Council of Ministers have visited the area during their six-month term of office, but no clear community role has emerged.

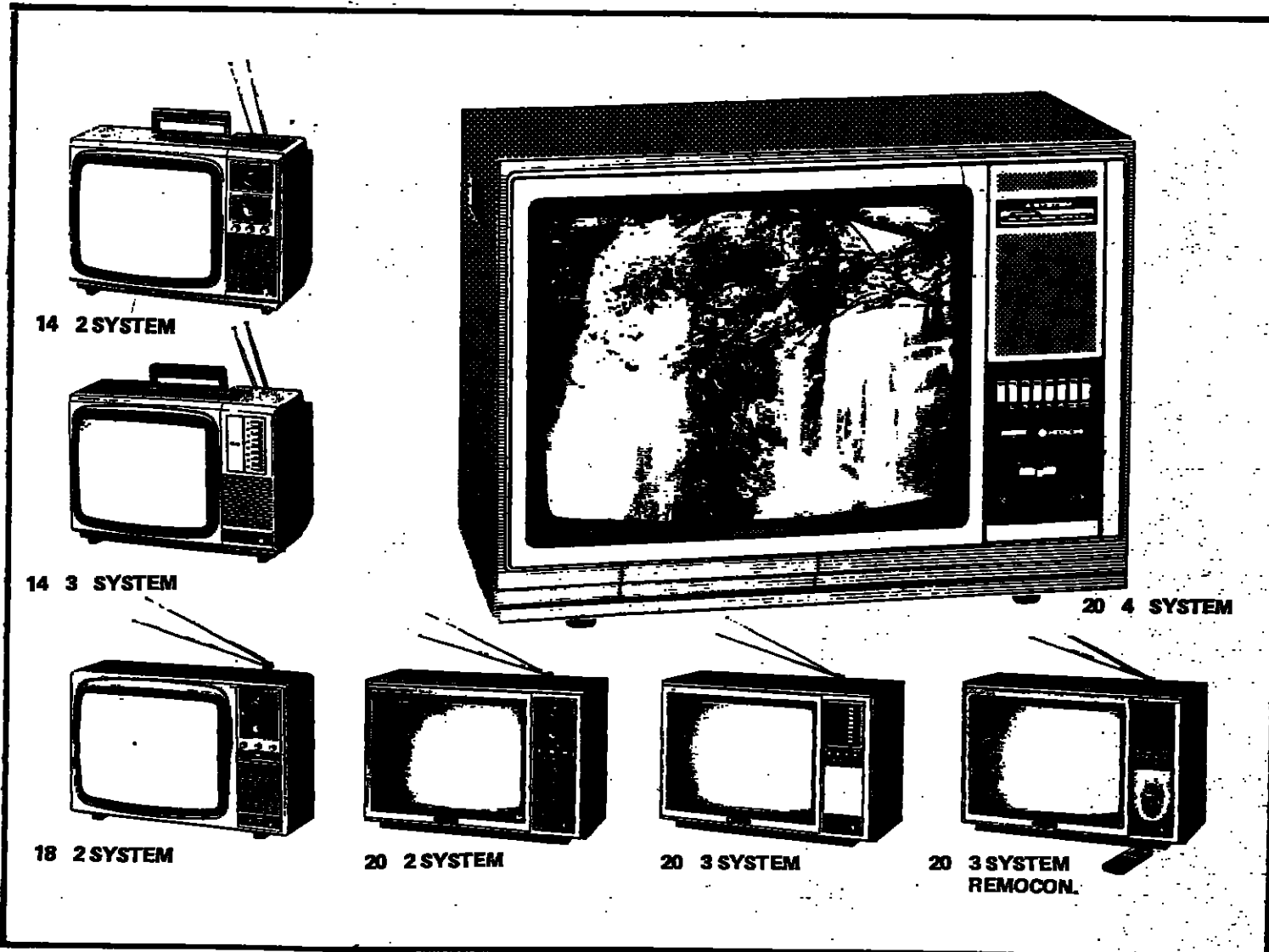
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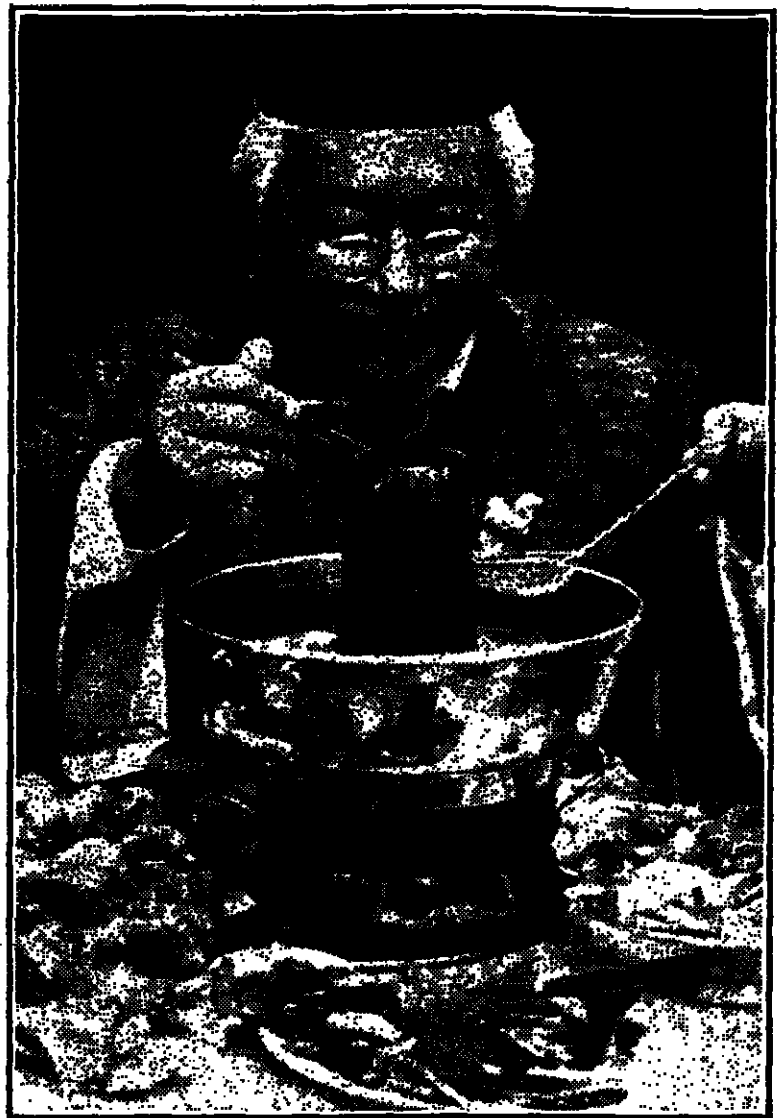
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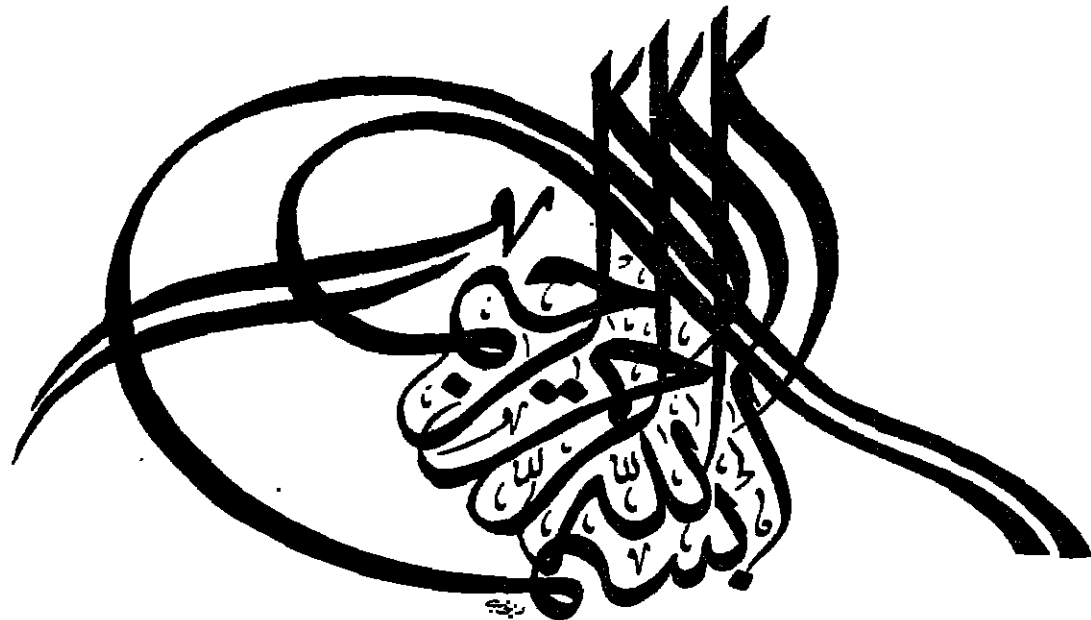
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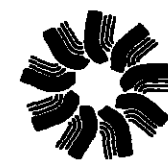
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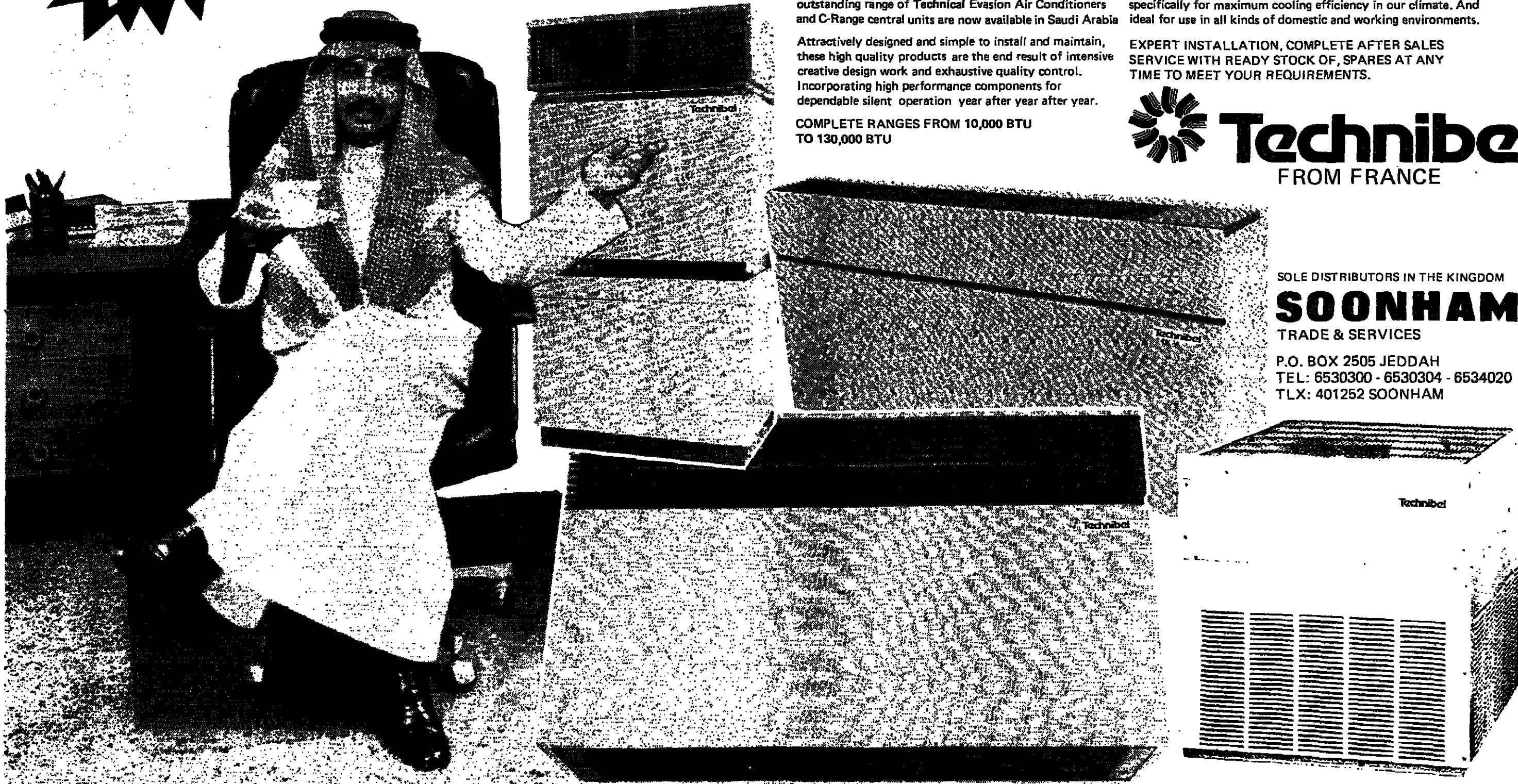


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## OPEC MEETING

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) which met in Vienna yesterday faced a crisis situation which, hopefully, it has overcome for the time being although the dangers of divisions in its ranks will remain to haunt the members for a long time to come.

The member states had no alternative but to agree to cut output in order to reduce the worldwide glut and preserve prices at around the \$34 benchmark for Saudi Arabian light. But problems still persist. There is a lot of oil in the stockpiles of the major industrial states notably the U.S., Japan and the EEC. The urge to buy has been blunted by conservation and the development of alternative sources of energy, including the utilization of coal. The current economic slowdown in the West has helped the consuming nations to limit their imports or bargain for discounts.

Eager to please, some OPEC members have been selling their products cheaply. The spot market in Rotterdam which was created to sell oil at prices higher than those fixed by OPEC, has been converted into a sellers' market, thanks to those who wanted to sell oil in a hurry.

OPEC has lost considerably in terms of cash and prestige largely because some member states had not heeded the voice of reason and failed to adhere to the resolutions and recommendations of the organization. It is no longer that fearsome body that could sway the fortunes of mankind with a statement fixing the price of oil. But it can still be saved from disintegration, which the U.S. wants to see, and retain its unity and sanity if all the member states make an honest effort to respect their own resolutions.

OPEC is at present in a much weaker position than it used to be even a year ago. The world has learned to live with the new price structure, to save fuel, to stockpile it and to use more coal and nuclear energy. The golden days of the oil producer may be nearly over, but OPEC still wields enormous bargaining value and power if it will only realize that further squabbling and undercutting may adversely hurt its chances of getting a fair price for its precious product.

## Saudi Arabian press review

Thursday's statement by the Higher Council of Ulema which denounced Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi's attacks on Islam, the plans of U.S. Sixth Fleet to conduct naval exercises in the Gulf of Sidra and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' meeting scheduled for Friday in Vienna were the main topics for editorial comment in Friday's newspapers.

On the Ulema statement which condemned Qaddafi's provocations and attacks on Islam, *Okaz* said, "Libya's insane ruler who is wasting his country's national wealth on imaginary plans and arms purchases for his agents and saboteurs all over the world cannot rid himself of the enemies of Islam and Arabism after selling out his dignity and will to communism and Zionism."

On the same subject, *Al-Jazirah* said Qaddafi's attempts to create divisions all over the world have never ceased since he seized power in Libya.

"Qaddafi aspires to see the outbreak of a third world war and the disappearance of the United States and the Arab Islamic nation so that he can rule the Arab, Muslim and African nations according to his Communist concept and on behalf of Moscow," the paper

said.

The paper also rejected the U.S. plans to conduct naval maneuvers in the disputed waters of the Gulf of Sidra near the Libyan coast. "Whatever the provocative and irresponsible acts of Qaddafi's regime, we support the Libyan people because Libya is an integrated part of the Arab and Islamic world," the paper said.

On the OPEC's emergency meeting which started in Vienna Friday, *Al-Medina* said the time is ripe for the oil organization to review and reassess the collective and individual policies of its members on a scientific and reasonable basis to preserve OPEC's unity and interests.

"The revival of a collective policy and understanding among OPEC's member states will end any disorder in the oil market and realize OPEC's goals," the paper said.

It warned the Vienna meeting may be the last chance to save OPEC's interests and restore its unity "which has been harmed by irresponsible member states, led by Qaddafi and his reckless followers who have brought chaos to the world oil market and endangered not only OPEC's interest but also the world's economic system". (SPA)



## Mexico to approach Cuba, Nicaragua on peace plan

By Colin Mcsevey

MEXICO CITY — Mexico will shortly take its peace plan for Central America a step further with approaches to Communist Cuba and leftist Nicaragua, officials said here. They said a weekend meeting between Foreign Minister Jorge Castaneda and U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig left the Mexican government cautiously optimistic about eventually ending the political upheavals and strains in the region.

The meeting, the second in a week, ended with both parties agreeing that the peace plan — primarily aimed at ending the bloody civil war in El Salvador — formed a working framework for further discussions.

(In a clarification of U.S. policy, Haig said on Monday Washington would, however, negotiate on its own behalf and not through Mexico in seeking a peaceful settlement in the region.)

Mexico is an ally of Washington's two current bête-narrés, Cuba and Nicaragua, and Castaneda said he would present their governments with a progress report on his talks with Haig in the next week or so.

The peace plan was announced by President Jose Lopez Portillo last month to try to erase the three main areas of conflict in the region. These are: — The struggle between leftist guerrillas and the U.S.-backed government forces of El Salvador. — The war of words between the United States and Nicaragua, accused by Washington of aiding

the Salvadoran guerrillas and directing their military operations.

— The renewed tension between the United States and its long-term foe, Cuba, which Washington says is a Soviet puppet behind the instability of the whole of Central America.

Officials here said Mexico's guarded optimism stemmed from having persuaded the United States at least to consider Lopez Portillo's so far undisclosed plan and the possibility of a U.S. dialogue with Cuba. Neither Haig nor Castaneda would reveal the details of their discussions but the Mexican said some sort of non-aggression pact between the United States and Nicaragua should be worked out.

As well as charging Nicaragua with aiding the Salvadoran guerrillas, Washington has accused it of a massive arms buildup beyond its obvious needs. The Nicaraguans say the weapons are needed in view of the threat of U.S.-sponsored counter-revolution or invasion.

Castaneda said at the weekend Haig implicitly agreed that for Nicaragua to make pledges about its future activities it would have to receive assurances about its security.

Apart from imminent discussions between Mexico and Cuba and Nicaragua, officials said any fresh impetus to the peace plan would probably have to wait until the March 28 National Assembly elections in El Salvador. Castaneda and Haig have agreed to meet shortly after the election.

Although details of the Mexican peace plan have

not been revealed, it is known President Lopez Portillo hopes to push all sides toward constructive talks to replace the threats and counter-threats of recent months.

Mexico, now economically powerful because of its oil wealth, has been taking a leading role in the affairs of Central America, previously considered a U.S. preserve. It has frequently expressed its solidarity with Fidel Castro of Cuba and only last month Lopez Portillo received Nicaragua's highest honor because of his continuing support for that country's leftist rulers.

"But Mexico is also on friendly terms with the United States and it sees its unique position as a go-between as holding the best chance for an end to the violence of the region," one diplomat here said.

Mexico opposes the March 28 election in El Salvador because it is boycotted by the left while Washington hopes it will provide a way out of the crisis. The Mexican government, backed by France, has urged that the guerrillas be universally recognized as a political force and have a place at the negotiating table.

Meanwhile, Mexico is pressing ahead with its diplomatic efforts in the certainty that the election will not end the violence that has claimed 30,000 lives in two years. A cartoon in *El Nacional*, Mexico's state newspaper, summed up the government's view. It showed President Lopez Portillo aboard a train named "peace plan" on tracks pointing to "the only way." (R)

## U.S. fears another El Salvador in Guatemala

By Paul Elman

GUATEMALA CITY — The groups that run Guatemala made a major and perhaps fatal mistake last week. They fell out with each other in public. The row over whether last Sunday's elections had been rigged in favor of the candidate backed by the military, Gen. Angel Anibal Guevara, was mostly conducted in terms of constitutional niceties. But, in reality, it was a fundamental difference of opinion over how Guatemala can be saved from the guerrillas.

The three politicians who claimed that the general's victory was fraudulently achieved are strange bedfellows: an extreme reactionary, Mario Sandoval, who has proclaimed his faith in National Socialism "but without the socialism"; Alejandro Maldonado, a moderate conservative whom the U.S. Embassy would clearly have loved to have seen as victor; and, Gustavo Anzueto Vicman, an architect whose showing was so poor that local wags dubbed him the candidate who was better known before the election than afterward.

All three, however, were civilians and they could claim, even on the basis of the contested official voting figures, that together they presented a majority against "continuismo," or the virtually unbroken succession of generals who have ruled Guatemala for the past 30 years.

More importantly, all three would agree that Guatemala has reached a beggar's crossroads in terms of how it will emerge from its present crisis, a crisis which is costing nearly 600 lives a month and which has made this most beautiful of Central American nations a pariah in the international community.

There is nothing in the constitution which states that the president should be a former defense minister but the military apparently decided that the safest thing to do was to carry on as before.

To the dismay of the U.S., Guatemala's military leadership has proved impervious to offers of military aid in return for improving its human rights image. Outgoing President Gen. Romeo Lucas Garcia has preferred to maintain the almost total isolation of his country from the rest of the world rather than accede to U.S. requests that he limit the operations of the "death squads" which Amnesty International claims operate from an annex of the presidential palace.

The extent to which the military operate as a law unto themselves was strikingly visible last week as the three opposition leaders were bundled into a police van after trying to make their way to the presidential palace to present a petition to Gen. Lucas to declare the elections null and void.

Despite U.S. growing fears that Guatemala is on

the verge of becoming another El Salvador, the military leadership appears determined to continue much as before. Israel and Argentina have largely filled the gap since President Carter stopped military aid to Guatemala in 1977. But with its foreign exchange reserves running dry and the guerrilla war spreading, the country is finding it increasingly difficult, if not impossible, to arrange overseas credits.

The four guerrilla groups clearly failed in their efforts to prevent last Sunday's elections, but they made their presence felt through pamphlets slipped to visiting correspondents and by arranging the publication of their manifesto in local newspapers as part of the ransom to be paid for the release of a kidnapped local journalist.

Guatemala no longer has the resources to fight the guerrillas without a major injection of U.S. aid, especially helicopters and combat aircraft. Military analysts say the army wants to double its present strength of just over 20,000 men — another step which would need U.S. assistance.

Unless President Guevara can show that he is a general with a difference, that his proclaimed commitment to social reform is more than campaign rhetoric, few here believe that he can be sold by President Reagan to a Congress already fearful of the direction U.S. policy is taking elsewhere in Central America. — (ONS)

## The by-election that will affect British politics

By Barry May

GLASGOW, Scotland — Roy Jenkins, the former cabinet minister seeking a return to the British parliament after a spell as a European statesman, stared at his audience and declared: "This is the by-election of the century."

At the age of 61, the Welsh coalminer's son who became president of the European Economic Community's Commission is battling opponents half his age in a by-election that he believes will profoundly affect British politics.

For the Social Democratic Party (SDP) which he helped to found one year ago, the by-election in the Glasgow constituency of Hillhead on March 25 is a make-or-break watershed. Its outcome is likely to determine whether the Social Democrats can regain lost momentum in their attempt to destroy the entrenched two-party system that has seen power swing back and forth between the Conservative and Labor parties for most of this century.

"This election can alter the whole direction of British politics," Jenkins said at an election meeting. "If either of the two major parties win they can sit back and heave a sigh of relief."

The ruling Conservative Party and the opposition Labor Party are trying to halt what at times has seemed like a relentless Social Democratic bandwagon. The Social Democrats' ratings, boosted by an electoral pact with the Liberal Party, reached a peak in November when Shirley Williams, a popular former minister, overturned a large Conservative majority to become the only member of parliament (MP) elected as a Social Democrat.

All 27 other SDP MPs in the 635-seat House of Commons were elected in the 1979 general election either on Labor or Conservative tickets and later defected to the new party.

Recent public opinion polls have shown support for the Liberal-Social Democratic Alliance to be slipping. This decline was attributed to differences between the two partners over how to share out parliamentary seats to be contested in the next general election.

As the candidates in Hillhead go into the last week of campaigning, most polls agree that Jenkins is running a poor third behind the two major parties.

Jenkins argues that he never expected it to be easy. He believes there is a lot of potential support for him among the high proportion of voters who say they are undecided. He is the favorite of many Social Democrats to lead the new party, whose first anniversary is on the day after next week's ballot, into the general election that must be held by May 1984.

He has more experience of government than any of the SDP's other three founding ex-Labor ministers and is the only one, according to political sources, to whom Liberal Party leader David Steel would readily defer. But to be leader, the Social Democrats require that he first get back into parliament.

Jenkins narrowly lost his first bid to return to the House of Commons in the English town of Warrington last July. His backers in Hillhead commend him to the voters as a candidate of the utmost refinement, a man with a wealth of ministerial experience, a man who knows how to work the political machine, but with compassion, and an alternative prime minister. His rivals accuse him of opportunism in his attempt to return to parliament — carpetbagging is the word they use.

Jenkins, an urbane Welshman who speaks in the accent and cadence of the English upper class, tells his audiences that, if elected, he will live in Hillhead and defend the seat for the rest of his political life. If he loses — "Well, I think there's a limit to the number of by-elections that the human frame can stand," he says.

Hillhead, three kms west of the center of Glasgow, stretches from the shipbuilding and engineering works on the banks of the River Clyde to the elegant sandstone villas built in neo-classical style by 19th century industrialists who made it the British Empire's second city.

The by-election is essentially a four-way race between the Conservatives, who are defending a seat held for 33 years by the late Sir Thomas Galbraith, the Labor Party, the Liberal-Social Democratic Alliance, and the Scottish National Party.

The Nationalist Party, which wants independence for Scotland, is an established vehicle for disaffected Conservative or Labor supporters wishing to register a protest vote and could draw off some of the support that Jenkins hopes to win.

The Conservative is Gerald Malone, a 31-year-old Glasgow lawyer running an energetic campaign with an air of bouncy confidence on his home ground.

Labour's man is David Wiseman, a bearded 120 kg Londoner who came to Glasgow 10 years ago to join the Loch Ness Monster Investigation Bureau and is now a Glasgow City councillor.

The Scottish Nationalist is George Leslie, 45, veterinary surgeon and also a city councillor.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, March 20th, the 79th day of 1982. There are 286 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1602 — United East India Company is chartered by the States-General of Holland.

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1849 — Second Sikh war begins in India between Sikhs and Britain; Ludwig I, King of Bavaria, abdicates.

1897 — France signs treaty with Ethiopia defining Somali frontier.

1916 — Allies agree on partition of Turkey.

1941 — Yugoslavia agrees to peace terms with Germany in World War II.

1952 — South Africa's supreme court invalidates race legislation of D.F. Malan.

1956 — France recognizes independence of Tunisia, with Bourguiba as first president.

1977 — France's leftist opposition scores sweeping victories in nationwide municipal voting.

1981 — In Poland, the independent union Solidarity, angered by police beatings of 23 union activists, declares national strike alert and stages warning strikes.

Thought for today:

The most manifest sign of wisdom is continued cheerfulness — Montaigne, French essayist (1533-1592).



More than 80,000 strong

# 'Triad mafia' leaders control Hong Kong crime

By Michael Parks

HONG KONG (LAT) — "Five-Star" Wu walks with a swagger through the Shek Kip Mei housing project. Six strong men accompany him, teen-agers call out greetings, shopkeepers and street hawkers are deferential and two patrolling policemen salute. Other people simply get out of his way.

It is clearly his turf, and Wu says, "I run this place, and what I say goes."

The reason is that Wu is believed by residents to lead the largest criminal gang operating in the housing project. These so-called Triad gangs, an outgrowth of the ancient Triad societies that were based on three elements—heaven, earth and man—are sometimes called the Chinese mafia.

As the leader of such a gang, Wu is said by residents to control all the drug sales, loan-sharking, extortion, gambling and any other crime that goes on in this area.

Wu also claims, according to residents, to be able to find bigger apartments in newer housing projects for them, to get government inspectors to ignore health, fire and other types of violations and even to arrange for promotions in the police force—all for substantial fees.

"Me, a Triad leader?" Wu said in a recent brief encounter at a coffee shop. "To be a Triad member is against the law in Hong Kong, and to be a leader must be a very big crime. Here, everyone knows Five Star Wu is an honorable man."

Wu's protestations of innocence drew laughs, but residents said later that, as far as they know, he has never been convicted of any crime, and this adds to his aura of power. The police have no comment except to say that every allegation is investigated.

The Hong Kong police acknowledge, however, that the Triads and their criminal activities are still very much a fact of life here, despite intense efforts over the last 25 years to dislodge them.

In many areas of Hong Kong, particularly the densely populated neighborhoods of the Kowloon Peninsula, Triads effectively control street life, the police say, and sometimes exercise greater authority than the government.

Total Triad membership is estimated at 80,000 divided among 37 societies and about 200 constituent gangs, according to Divisional Superintendent Ben Mumford, head of the police Triad squad.

Only 15 percent of the Triad members are believed to be actively engaged in criminal activities, but they are held responsible for about a third of all the major crimes reported in Hong Kong and as much as two-thirds of racketeering. From 55 percent of Hong Kong's male prisoners at any given time are Triad members.

Many of the 85 percent of Triad members not directly involved in crime have infiltrated deeply into legitimate businesses, banking and finance, the Hong Kong colonial government and even the police force. They are sworn on penalty of death to assist each other.

"These secret Triad connections run through the whole fabric of life in Hong Kong," a prosecutor said in seeking the conviction last year of a businessman who has called on fellow Triad members to help force a competitor into bankruptcy.

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"Whether on the street or in the executive offices, they are criminal conspiracies, not benevolent aid societies and they are corrupting society."

Despite successful penetration of several Triad societies recently, the police are not certain they know the full extent of Triad activities.

"They go wherever there is money," chief inspector Robert Cheng of the Triad squad said. "We can follow the pattern of street crime and investigate their other suspected activities, but they spread very quickly into new fields and increasingly into legitimate businesses. Yesterday, it may have been drugs and protection rackets; today, video game centers; tomorrow, night clubs."

Hong Kong's rapidly developing economy does seem to offer endless opportunities for the Triads. When several hotels, restaurants and nightclubs opened recently in a glittery new tourist section, two rival Triad groups battled over the lucrative protection racket business there. Each new housing development is worth about \$250,000 in protection money from the builders working there.

The influx of tens of thousands of immigrants from China has led Triads to counterfeit identity cards, to smuggle in relatives left behind and to build and sell huts as "squatter housing."

The 16,000 members of the Chiu Chau group of six Triad societies, by far the most tightly organized and one based largely on ethnicity, is believed by narcotics agents to control the drug traffic in Hong Kong, with a network that extends to Thailand, most of the rest of Southeast Asia and back into China.

Although the police here say that Hong Kong's Triads generally have no other overseas operations, Western law enforcement and diplomatic sources said there is a "working, ad hoc affiliation" between the Triads here and Chinese criminal gangs in the United States, Canada and Western Europe.

Leung Sing, who at 42 has spent 16 1/2 of the last 20 years in prison here for Triad activities, said that police reports of Triad activities underestimate their scope and the number of Triad members involved.

"They just don't know any better," Leung, now a social worker, said.

Hong Kong police work to keep the Triads fragmented and without strong leadership, fearing a major threat to law and order in the colony if they unite. Some Chinese attribute an increase in violent crime in recent years to the Triads' degeneration.

In the minds of many, Hong Kong's Triads are still associated with the secret societies that started in Fujian province, on China's southeast coast, in the 17th century to fight the Manchus takeover of the imperial throne. These groups had a robin hood quality that continued for two centuries. They retained considerable political power in China until the Communist victory over the Nationalists in 1949, when many members fled to Hong Kong and abroad.

A survey of school students by the Prison Preventers Organization last year indicated that as many as 47,000 youth have been persuaded or intimidated into joining Triad groups. Police dispute that figure, however, saying that no more than 1,500 had actually gone through the initiation ceremony.

Asked why community leaders in the shek kip met housing project do not press for Five-Star Wu's arrest, a social worker said, "They are afraid that the day after they went to the police they would be dead. Their children and grandchildren maimed, their stores burned out...it is simply a case of recognizing who is strong here on the ground."

## Uncertainty hurts tourism

# Visitors avoid Aswan, trade recovers slowly

By Steven K. Hindy

ASWAN, Egypt (AP) — Idle horse-drawn carriages on the shady Nile promenade, single-sailed feluccas tied fast to the docks, hungry, irritable souvenir hawkers—all attest to the slump in tourism that followed President Anwar Sadat's assassination.

Such inactivity is rare for high season in Aswan, the ancient trading city that is the site of the 4th century B.C. Temples of Philae, the red granite quarries where the pharaoh's artisans fashioned needle-like obelisks and other monuments and the Soviet-designed high dam.

"Not good," is the way carriage drivers, black-market moneychangers and others answer the question "how's business?"

A West German guide on a Nile River cruise boat from Aswan to Luxor tells of a trip last January when 12 tourists had the 184-bed ship all to themselves. They were served by an 86-person crew.

At the awe-inspiring temple of Abu Simbel, built by the Pharaoh Ramses II about 149 miles (240 kilometers) south of Aswan and moved 17 years ago to escape the waters of the high dam's Lake Nasser, a tourist guide says eight to 10 plane-loads of visitors arrived daily in December compared with 14 a day last year.

The slump is an unusual pleasure for those who discounted the uncertainty that loomed after Sadat's death. Located on the Tropic of Cancer, Aswan is extremely hot in summer but in winter, temperatures hover in the high 60s (18-20 C). With lush botanical gardens nestled in the Nile's dune-rimmed valley, Aswan is one of the most relaxed and quiet towns in Egypt.

According to official figures, the Oct. 6 shooting in Cairo, 446 miles (720 kms) to the north, led to a 12 percent drop in tourism for the last three months of 1981, compared with the previous year. Up to then, the government had been boasting a 16 percent increase. The final figure for the year showed a 9.8 percent growth, to 1.376 million foreign visitors.

January's overall figures were off only one percent from 1981. "Things are improving

slowly, and I think (President Hosni) Mubarak's trip to the United States and Europe will help a bit because that's where most of the tourists come from," said a U.S. diplomat who studies tourism.

The Western states and Japan account for about half Egypt's tourists, the Arab states for 40 percent. The rest are mainly from Socialist nations.

But the recovery has not been as quick here in upper Egypt—a geographical term that is difficult for the Westerner to comprehend. The term derives from the fact that the Nile flows from south to north. A series of earth tremors in November and January did nothing to boost confidence.

Mohammed Abdel-Hady, director of Egypt's remote earthquake sensing center in Cairo, said the quakes had not damaged and were not a threat to the dam, which was built to withstand tremors up to 8.0 on the Richter scale at or near its base. The two strongest ones, located some distance away, measured 6.3 and 5.1.

But the quakes caused concern and the government has organized a study group of foreign experts to prepare a white paper report. "We think all the evidence now indicates that this is a minor problem that is subsiding," said Abdel-Hady.

Tourism, Lake Nasser fishing and sugarcane farming are the three pillars of Aswan's economy, and the first is most important in Egypt's foreign exchange-starved economy. According to the latest figures, tourism brought the equivalent of \$1.1 billion into the treasury last year, compared with \$907 million in 1980.

These totals do not include tourist money traded on the black market, which pays as much as 25 percent more than the official rate.

The government is now requiring foreigners to pay bills at four and five-star hotels in foreign currency at the official rate it also is considering requiring all foreigners arriving in Egypt to exchange \$150 at the official rate.

Western diplomats who follow tourism fear that the government's latest effort to capture foreign currency in the banking system may backfire by discouraging tourism.



BALANCING ACT: With his racing boat at top speed, this driver decided to jump up to the front of the boat to keep the craft from flipping over during a recent race in Miami, Florida. The measure paid off as the boat did not flip but the driver was sure taking his life in his hands in attempting the maneuver.

## Californians hunt killers

# Man-eating coyotes striking back; astonishing numbers move to cities

By William Scobie

LOS ANGELES (LOS) — In the Western plains of the United States, which it inhabited for centuries before the first settlers came, the coyote is gassed, poisoned, burned in its dens, caught in steel traps, shot at from government helicopters, taken in hundreds of thousands for its fur.

The tough, wily "prairie wolf" is a predator, accused of causing \$100 million in damage to livestock each year. But now, in the canyons and the foothills that ring Los Angeles, the coyote is striking back—hunting man, killing his pets in thousands for food.

"The coyote has moved to the edges of the city in astonishing numbers over the past three years," said Robert Howell, head of Los Angeles county's coyote control program. "In Glendale, a township on Los Angeles' outskirts, you'll easily find 50 in a 10-square mile area. In the wild, you'd be lucky to find five in the same space."

"They come for water, lapping it out of Hollywood swimming pools. They come for garbage, left-over chicken, T-bone steaks, jelly doughnuts, stuff they like to rip out of plastic bags. They've become a really spoiled animal with a full menu."

But not, apparently, full enough. One hot morning last summer three-year-old Kelly Keen wandered from her Glendale home, to sit on the curb. Her father came from the house minutes later to find only her sandals. Up the road he saw a coyote, about four feet in length, dragging the baby along, its jaws clamped on her neck.

"It was like it was killing a sheep," said Robert Keen. He chased the animal 30 yards into the brush before it dropped its prey. His daughter died in hospital of a broken neck hours later.

This first known death by coyote set off a furor among residents. Communities from the Hollywood Hills to affluent Topanga Canyon above Malibu reported thousands of incidents in which coyotes had killed cats, dogs and pet birds.

Ten attacks on humans were verified, ranging from a five-year-old girl bitten in the stomach and dragged from the family backyard, to a 67-year-old man wounded in the leg as he tried to chase an animal from his garbage can.

"I tell folks not to leave a child unattended

for a second," said Howell, "and never to leave pets out at night."

In townships like Glendale, dotted along the foot of the nation's largest urban mountain range, county officials have declared war on the coyote. Since September, when the drive began, 90 animals have been caught in steel-jawed traps or shot by marksmen. Hundreds more have been killed, often by poison, in other parts of the west.

An estimated two-thirds escape from traps, sometimes by chewing off a leg. "They're clever creatures," Howell said.

Coyote control has triggered bitter argument. On one hand is a broad public demand for more trapping. On the other is the anger of environmentalists who see the prairie wolf as a victim of man's invasion of the wilderness. They claim the danger is being grossly overstated.

"The coyote is being made a bogymen," said a Sierra Club executive. "The assault on them is a hysterical emotional reaction to the Glendale child's death." Wild life groups also charge that the \$100 million livestock loss claimed by farmers is a wild exaggeration.

Interior Secretary James Watt has added to the fuss by giving the go-ahead to a broader attack on the animal that includes use of a controversial poison, Compound 1080. Placed in collars on sheep, it kills the coyote when it bites the neck.

California Senator Alan Cranston has denounced Watt's plan as "indiscriminate

slaughter that would harm birds and animals that may feed off the poisoned carcasses. If the livestock industry is in trouble, it's because of inflation and foreign competition, not the coyote."

None the less, poisoning has become widespread in the rural west. So heated is the debate that one wildlife official has received death threats.

Howell says he never uses 1080. "Ours is a limited program. Seventy of the 90 animals killed were in the Glendale area, where the Keen baby died, so it's not an all-out effort to eliminate the coyote."

Hillside residents, he says, add to the problem by offering hospitality to the animals that Mark Twain called "the most friendliest of God's creatures."

Keen says neighbors often fed the animals that killed his child, putting out dinner remains on paper plates. Regular customers were nicknamed, like pets.

The best answer, said Howell, is to ban coyote-feeding and teach people to contain their trash. The country has made feeding an offense punishable by a \$100 fine and offers \$500 rewards "for information leading to a conviction of persons habitually feeding coyotes."

"We have to re-install a fear of man in the coyote," said Lila Brooks, head of California Wildlife Defenders. "We must drive them back into the hills where they belong, not kill them."

# Asian youth join causes, are idealists

By Suchin Preecha

BANGKOK (Depthnews) — He is jobless and belongs to what Asia's economic planners call the "absolutely poor." His formal education seldom goes beyond the primary level. Often resentful and bitter at his station in life, he suffers emotional conflict on top of physical deprivation.

In certain extreme cases, he can be found holed up in the hills, armed and waging guerrilla warfare. Full of idealism, he goes for causes labeled by his country's government as "subversive, leftist or extremist."

This is a composite profile of the youth in Asia today. It emerged from a recent meeting of experts on youth development representing 20 United Nations specialized agencies, government and non-government organizations.

Held in Bangkok under the auspices of the U.N. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the meeting entered the records as one of the preliminaries for worldwide observance of International Youth Year in 1985 as proclaimed by the U.N. General Assembly.

A basic paper prepared by ESCAP and discussed by the experts underscored the following:

Asia's youths have played and continue to play a major role in social and political upheavals in the region constituting the "crisis strata in the development process."

Those 25 years old and below constitute 57 percent of the total population in Asia estimated in mid-1981 at 2.6 billion. Those in the 15 to 24 age group alone number around 400 million.

The youngsters account for the bulk of the unemployed and underemployed in all of the developing countries in the region.

As pictured by the experts, Asia's youth is "idealistic, imbued with a natural passion of justice and full of energy and dynamism...are ready to take up causes which give promise of a better life and society. They demand a greater role and recognition in society; they desire to contribute to and participate in important national decisions ultimately affecting their lives. Youth are no longer content with merely being social 'inheritors.' They want to assume roles as 'actors' and active partners in the development process."

After its five-day session, the meeting suggested guidelines for recommended activities designed to involve the youth as "equal partners" in development.

The meeting called on all governments in the region to implement programs that would create opportunities for self-employment for the youth. This strategy could be a "key factor" in reducing unemployment in the region, with vocational training as the most viable vehicle for such self-employment.

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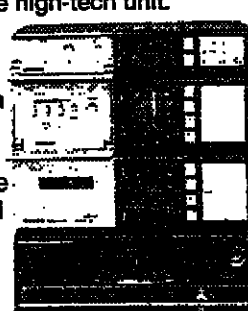
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## Armed troops patrol Jakarta after riots

JAKARTA, March 19 (AP) — Soldiers with automatic weapons and armored cars continued to patrol this city of 6 million people Friday following a riot that broke up an election campaign Thursday and left 62 persons injured and 240 arrested.

In the crowded northern part of the city, six armored cars rolled down the streets while armed soldiers broke up small bands of people. Many offices closed early and the streets were almost empty by late Friday afternoon except for the soldiers.

In the heart of Jakarta, around Banteng Square, where the government-backed Golkar Party held an election campaign Thursday, thousands of people were still milling about, snarling up traffic.

A few miles from Banteng Square, several thousand people had gathered along the streets. One eyewitness said nearby an oil truck was turned over and set afire by the crowd before soldiers and armored cars could prevent it. The eyewitness said most of the mas-

ses were school children who seemed to be in a "rampaging mood."

All three parties campaigning in the upcoming election denied having anything to do with Thursday's riot and issued a joint statement expressing regret over the incidents. They are the ruling Golkar Party, the Muslim United Development Party (PPP) and the Indonesian Democratic Party (PDI).

A police spokesman said by late afternoon authorities had the situation under control. Adm. Sudomo, the commander of the National Security, said no one had been reported killed in the rioting.

Sudomo said offenders would be put on trial on charges of disturbing peace and order. He said all the three parties were told to forbid students under 17 years old from taking part in the campaign. Those arrested in connection with the recent riot were mostly high school students who expressed sympathy for the PPP.

## Indira to open India festival in U.K.

LONDON, March 19 (R) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi arrives in Britain Sunday to launch the most ambitious celebration of India's cultural heritage. Its artistic wonders and scientific achievements ever staged anywhere in the world.

Her six-day visit, to inaugurate an eight-month festival of India, coincides with one of the periods of strain which have bedeviled Anglo-Indian relations since the British quit India in 1947 following three centuries of imperial rule. If Mrs. Gandhi's discussions with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher are anything like their encounter in New Delhi last April, observers expect there will be little agreement.

Indian Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao told the Lok Sabha (parliament) then that the two Prime Ministers differed on almost all important issues and ended up merely trying to understand each other's standpoint.

Mrs. Thatcher "stuck to her position and we had to put forward our point of view," he said. British officials, looking ahead to next week's talks, say the two women are both strong-minded and like a good discussion.

Their publicly stated view is that Britain's relations with India are better than they have been for a long time, and that personal relationship between the two prime ministers is good. But the officials admit there will be quite a heavy list of things on which they differ.

In New Delhi last April, that list included the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and Western defense countermeasures, and the U.S. rearmament of neighboring Pakistan. British officials say Mrs. Thatcher's government is keen to discuss Indo-Pakistani relations, India's view of the Soviet Union and China, and how India sees prospects for its part of the world generally over the next few years.

## New Delhi imposes rule on Assam

NEW DELHI, March 19 (AFP) — The Indian federal government Friday took control of the strategic northeast Indian state of Assam which has been rocked by violence and anti-immigrant unrest for the last three years, following the resignation Thursday of the state government. The government, dominated by Mrs. Gandhi's Congress (I) Party, was to have faced a no-confidence motion in the legislative assembly Friday.

President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy signed the requisite notification early Friday, endorsing a cabinet decision recommending president's rule and dissolution of the state assembly. The cabinet took the decision Thursday night, apparently after going through the report of the state governor who had suggested federal rule and dissolution of the ministry.

The state, where the local people are demanding detection and deportation of an estimated five million immigrant settlers from Bangladesh and Nepal, will now be ruled directly from the Indian capital. The ministry, led by Keshab Chandra Gogoi, lasted only 65 days, after having assumed office on Jan. 12.

This was the fourth government to fall in Assam since the present assembly was elected in 1978 for a normal five-year term. The previous government was also controlled by the Congress Party, but the first two were led by other parties.

The Assam agitation, which took a violent turn in 1980, continues to pose problems for Mrs. Gandhi, given the state's strategic character, geographical position and vast oil resources. Several rounds of discussions in New Delhi and the state capital, Gauhati, failed to bring about an agreement, with leaders of the agitation insisting that the immigrants should be deported to other Indian states or Bangladesh.

## China factory blast claims several lives

HONG KONG, March 19 (AFP) — Several persons were killed and many airlifted to hospital after a powerful explosion rocked a medicine factory in the Fuding country of east China's Fujian province facing the Taiwan straits. Radio Peking reported Friday.

A broadcast monitored here said the blast was of such a great magnitude that aircraft from local Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) units had to airlift the injured to hospitals in nearby provinces, and that a seven-man team of burns experts had to be flown in from far-off Shanghai.

The explosion was caused by a fire which broke out in the factory's supplies area stockpiled with petroleum and other inflammable raw materials at 8 a.m. on March 9, the radio said without hinting at any sabotage.

## BRIEFS

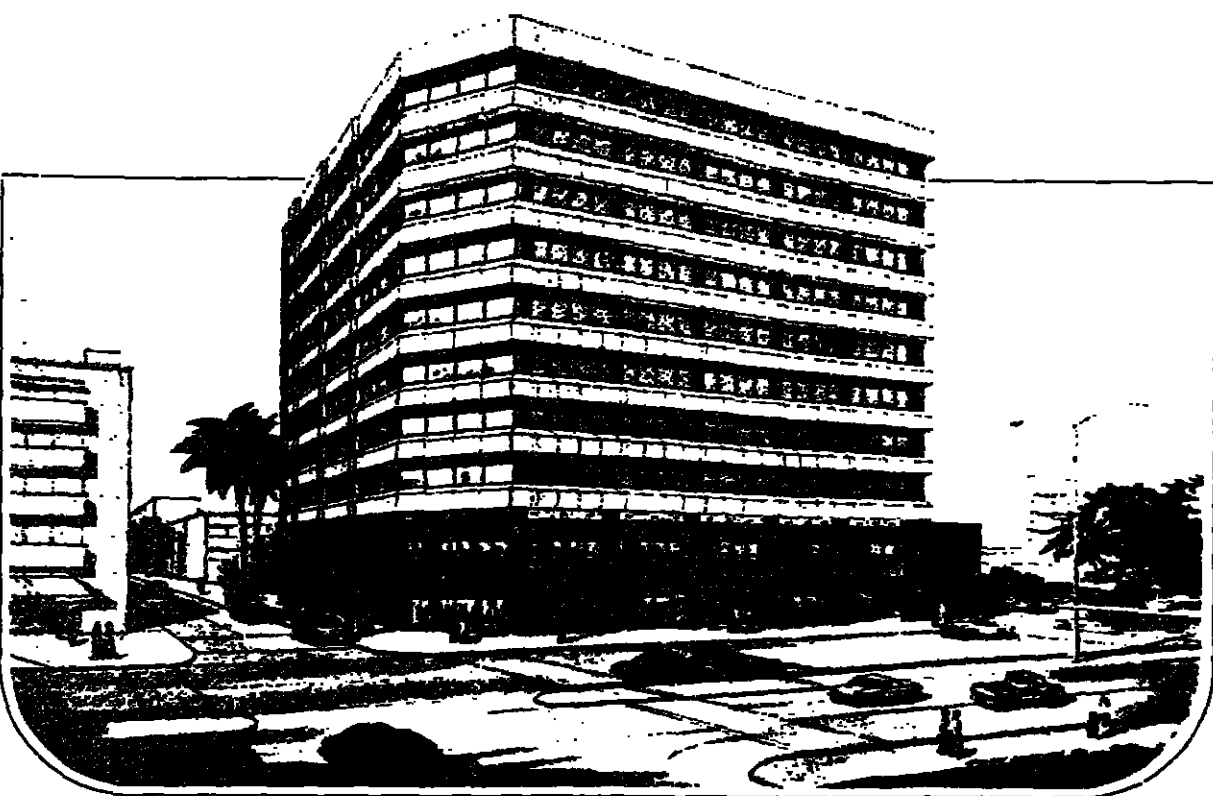
DACCA — Bangladesh has launched an ambitious disease control program with financial assistance to the tune of \$2.53 million from AGFUND and UNICEF. The project aims at immunizing children with BCG, DPT, measles and polio vaccines. The agreement for the program was signed by UNICEF executive director J. Grant and Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz, UNICEF special envoy and AGFUND representative.

LONDON (R) — Britain and the Vatican resumed full diplomatic relations Thursday after a break of more than four centuries. Pope John Paul's London representative, Swiss-born Archbishop Bruno Heim, 70, became papal pronuncio, the equivalent of an ambassador, by presenting his credentials to Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace.

DACCA (AP) — The American Embassy denied Friday local news reports it has pressured the Bangladesh government to resume the sale of monkeys to the United States, halted earlier following protests by American wildlife associations. In a statement, the embassy also denied reports that the monkeys were being used for a nuclear research program.

LONDON (R) — Sir Kenneth Newman, a former Northern Ireland police chief skilled in riot control, will soon take charge of London's police now battling a wave of rising crime, informed sources said Friday. The appointment of Newman, 55, to head London's 26,000-strong police force will be made soon by Home Secretary William Whitelaw, the sources said.

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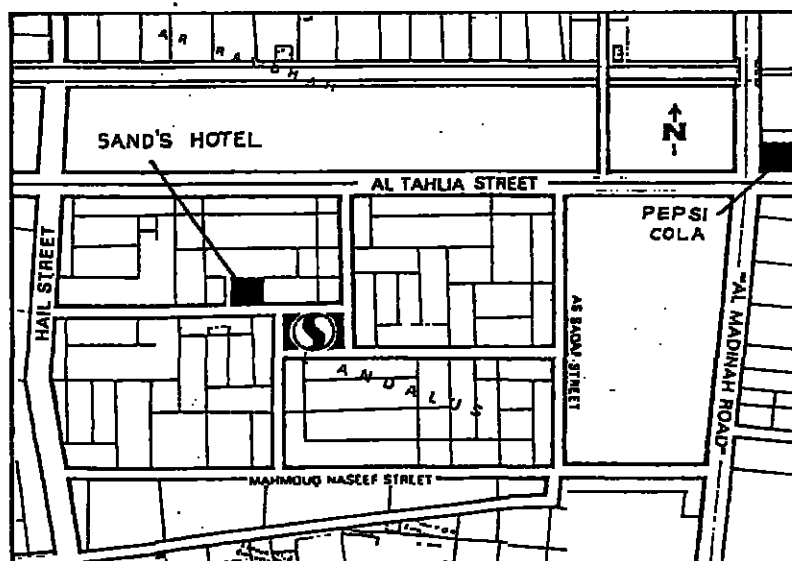
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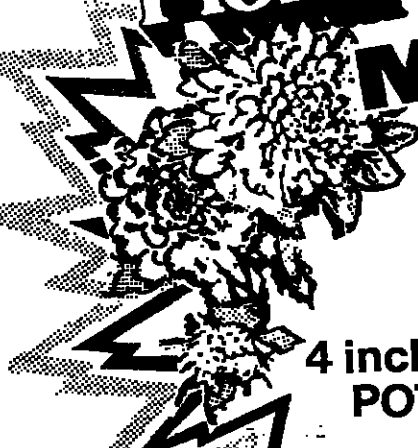


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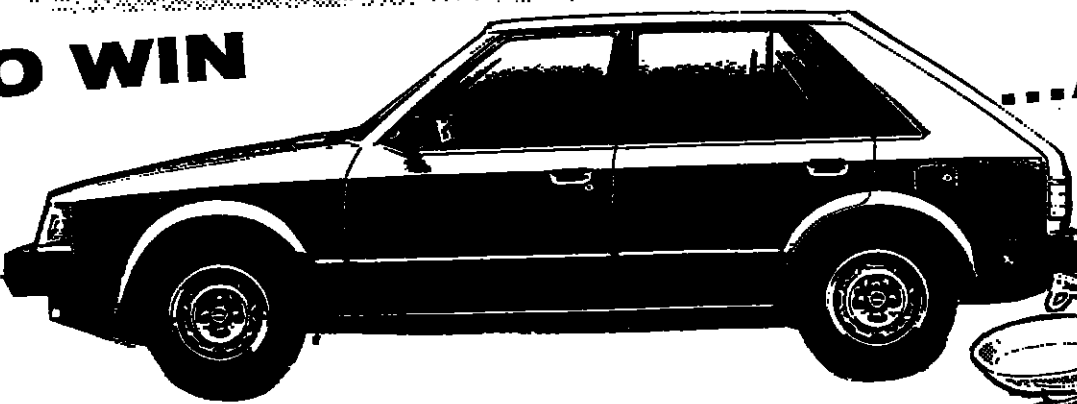
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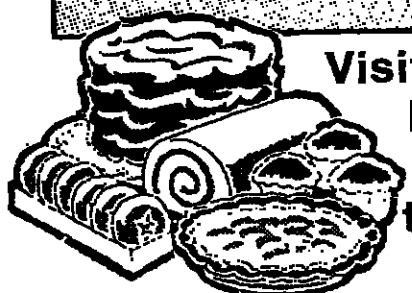


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## Production slumps

## Poles admit economy still in critical state

LONDON, March 19 (AFP) — Last Polish government findings show Poland's economy remains in critical condition despite some recent positive signs. Warsaw television, monitored here by the BBC, has reported.

Although "the rate at which production is falling has been slowed down," the television said Thursday, quoting the Polish cabinet's economic committee, "the fall in production continues to be considerable in the processing industry," especially at enterprises whose output depends on imported materials.

Investment and housing construction were also in a bad state.

The cabinet's planning commission had been asked to study the investment situation and make proposals for improving it. Housing

construction was down by 7,600 dwellings in January and February compared to the same period last year. And construction industry was asking for urgent action to build 200,080 dwellings this year. But "the situation in the extraction industry" — including lead, copper and silver mining — was "more favorable," Warsaw television said.

By March 15, a total 39.9 million tons of coal had been mined. This was 5.8 million tons more than in the same period last year and had "made it possible to cover the most important needs of industry."

Production of polyethylene (used in packaging and insulation) and some farm machinery and equipment also showed "signs of improvement," the television said. Dairy produce and meat supplies were also up.

## Labor unrest grips Belgium

BRUSSELS, March 19 (AFP) — The Socialist F.G.T.B. union has announced a general strike next week and the Christian C.S.C. has called for a mass demonstration in Brussels the following day.

These moves follow the Brussels clashes between steel workers and police Tuesday. Many steel workers, from the Liege and Charleroi areas stand to lose their jobs as capacity is reduced.

More generally, the F.G.T.B. is staging periodic strikes in protest at the austerity program imposed by the center-right government of Wilfried Martens, which was recently accorded special powers in parliament for one year.

Work stoppages are now affecting Flanders as well as Wallonia. Flemish rail services and the Port of Antwerp were hit Monday.

## U.S. urges study of Third World

GENEVA, March 19 (R) — The United States has urged United Nations development experts to stop blaming rich countries for Third World problems and to start studying why some poor states develop successfully and others fail.

Speaking Thursday to the governing body of the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), U.S. delegate John St. John said such a study could reveal which policies fostered growth best in developing economies.

The UNCTAD secretariat should examine the trade, foreign exchange and domestic pricing policies of successful developing states to determine which paths were best, he said during open discussion of a secretariat report on protectionism which ended Thursday.

The governing body, meeting here since last Monday, has now gone into private session to consider UNCTAD's work schedule until its next summit in May-June next year.

## Mexico's oil reserves rise by 36%

MEXICO CITY, March 19 (R) — Mexico announced a 36 percent rise in its probable oil and gas reserves, but said proven reserves remained at 72 billion barrels.

Speaking during ceremonies marking the 44th anniversary of the nationalization of the Mexican oil industry Thursday, Julio Motezuma Cid, head of the state oil concern Pemex, said probable hydrocarbon reserves now stood at 80 billion barrels compared with 58.6 billion six months ago.

Trade sources had earlier predicted that Mexico, the world's fourth biggest oil producer, would announce a new rise in proven reserves. Motezuma Cid said Mexico would continue to increase its production of top-quality light oil but its exports would remain a 50-50 mix of light and heavy.

He said Mexican oil production averaged 2.5 million barrels per day last month and that it comprised 61 percent onshore light and 39 percent offshore heavy.

Mexico has an export platform of 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd), but because of the current oil glut exports are running around 1.2 million bpd, according to official sources.

In the ceremonies at the Pacific port of Lazaro Cardenas, Motezuma Cid said Pemex had a \$20 billion foreign debt, but was

fully capable of repaying it. "Possible revenue from foreign sales this year, depending on the market, will be some \$17 billion," he said. In 1981, sales amounted to \$13 billion.

Mexico is not a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and normally fixes its prices slightly above OPEC levels.

## IDA lends \$2m to North Yemen

WASHINGTON, March 19 (R) — The International Development Association (IDA) approved a \$2 million credit to help the Yemen Arab Republic (North Yemen) explore energy resources, the World Bank said.

The bank said in a statement its affiliate would provide the funds to stimulate foreign oil interest in petroleum and geothermal projects.

The IDA credit is for 50 years, including a 10-year grace period. It will be interest-free, except for an annual service charge of three-fourths of one percent, the bank said.

## E. Germany cool to Bonn loan terms

LEIPZIG, March 19 (AFP) — East Germany has made no human rights concessions in order to ensure a continuation of interest-free credits from Bonn, West German Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff said here.

Lambsdorff had talks Thursday with East German Foreign Trade Minister Horst Soelle, and Wednesday with Communist Party politburo member and economics expert Guenter Mittag.

## India keen on buying Polish coal machinery

NEW DELHI, March 19 (AP) — A Polish delegation, headed by Deputy Coal and Energy Minister M. Glanowski held discussions with Indian officials Thursday on expansion of bilateral cooperation in coal industry.

Indian Minister of State for Coal Gargi Shankar Mishra "expressed interest in obtaining Polish technology to help the development of the Indian coal industry," a government press statement said.

## West agrees to reschedule Sudan's debt

PARIS, March 19 (R) — Representatives of 13 Western countries agreed to give Sudan a further 10 years to repay debts due to foreign governments this year.

A communique issued Thursday after two days of talks said Sudan's creditors had agreed on the rescheduling of state loans and government-guaranteed credits to help enable the country continue with its program of reconstruction. Sudan is estimated to have about \$4 billion of external debt, some \$500 million of it owed to foreign governments.

The communique said repayment of debts of more than one year's maturity falling due in the 18 months to Dec. 31 this year would now be repayable over 10 years with a four-year grace period.

Sudanese Finance Minister Ibrahim Mansour declined to say what proportion of the estimated \$500 million was covered by the period. But he told reporters he was satisfied with the outcome of the debt talks, held under the auspices of the so-called Paris club.

The club is an informal grouping of creditor countries which meets to discuss rescheduling usually after intervention by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

## U.S. said reconciled to Siberian pipeline

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP) — The Reagan administration is dropping its opposition to a trans-Siberian natural gas pipeline, while urging West European governments to form an economic bloc with the United States to curb export credits to the Soviet Union, according to a senior administration official.

He said this is the message being carried to Western capitals this week by a high-level U.S. delegation, headed by Undersecretary of State James L. Buckley. The official, who declined to be identified, called the pipeline, which threatened to divide the Western alliance, "a secondary issue."

"The basic point with the trip is not the pipeline, it's credits and guarantees," the official said in an Associated Press interview. "And the first question is whether the allies are prepared to agree with us that this is a strategic question worthy of some serious consideration."

The Soviets currently enjoy relatively easy credit and guarantees from Western governments for purchasing their manufactured goods. For example, some European banks are lending the Soviets money for pipeline construction at 7 percent, less than half of the going rate. Additionally in Moscow's favor is the competition among the allies on terms for repaying the loans.

## Seeks to curb export credits

The pipeline, which eventually may cost \$26 billion, will carry Siberian natural gas 3,000 miles to Western Europe. Gas is scheduled to begin flowing in 1984.

The administration, seeking ways and means to punish the Soviet Union for Poland's imposition of martial law considered slowing down construction of the pipeline project.

The issue divided President Reagan's cabinet. The Pentagon urged a crackdown,

## Senate upholds action on Libya

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP) — The Senate went on record unanimously Thursday in support of President Ronald Reagan's decision to cutoff Libyan oil imports.

By a vote of 94-0, the Senators approved a resolution applauding the president's action as "in the interest of the national security of the United States."

The resolution was sponsored by Sen. Gary Hart, who last year sponsored a legislative measure to force a Libyan oil cutoff. That measure was defeated 46-44 on Oct. 21. It would have taken effect this month and required a cutoff within 90 days.

while the state department, concerned that pushing the Europeans to halt construction could provoke them, took a softer line.

Basically, the dispute has been resolved in favor of the state department, the official said. But he cautioned that "how we relate to the allies on the pipeline is going to be a lot easier to manage if Buckley doesn't come back empty handed."

If the allies are unwilling to consider a united front against the Soviets on credits, "then I think we are going to have to take another look at the whole series of questions having to do with the pipeline," the official said.

The pipeline is due to supply up to 1,400 billion cubic feet of natural gas a year to Western Europe. The project has been opposed by the United States from the outset for fear the allies would become dependent on Soviet sources of energy and that the pipeline would provide the Soviets with up to \$8 billion a year in hard currency for a military buildup.

President Reagan met with the National Security Council three weeks ago. It was decided to send Buckley's delegation to allied capitals with the compromise proposals to go along with the pipeline if export credits were controlled.



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## Despite \$27b trade deficit

## U.S. records \$6.6b surplus

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP) — The United States recorded a \$6.6 billion surplus in its balance of payment with foreign countries last year, the biggest surplus since 1975 for the widest measure of U.S. economic transactions abroad, the government has reported.

However, there was a slight deficit of about \$85 million in the fourth quarter of 1981. The Commerce Department report said Thursday.

That quarterly shortfall, the first after five straight surpluses, could be a harbinger of what various officials have said will likely be an overall deficit this year.

For 1981, the report said, the national deficit in merchandise trade rose to \$27.88 billion from the \$25.3 billion of 1980.

However, the surplus in payments for services, always a big positive factor, grew to \$41.2 billion from the \$36.1 billion in 1980, more than wiping out the increased deficit in

merchandise trade.

The current account figures, which are adjusted for normal seasonal variations, include goods, private investment and other services, foreign aid, loans to foreigners and a variety of other financial transactions.

The 1981 surplus well above the 1980 surplus of \$3.7 billion was the third in a row and the largest since the \$18.3 billion of 1974, commerce officials said.

But government officials have said a stronger dollar and reviving economies overseas make it likely that there will be a deficit of as much as \$10 billion this year, possibly even threatening the record 1978 deficit of over \$14 billion.

Earlier this month, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said the merchandise trade deficit could well leap to a record \$35 billion this year, despite oil import levels well below those of the late 1970s.

## Recovery round the corner, Reagan says

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AFP) — The United States economy is on the point of starting its recovery, President Ronald Reagan told a group of businessmen here.

"The changes we have recently seen in industrial production and housing starts support our assertion that we are on the verge of a turning point in the economy," he said.

But U.S. Federal Reserve Board chairman Paul Volcker called on the government and Congress to strike accord very quickly on "credible" alternative to reduce the budget deficit in order to bring down interest rates and get the recovery going.

And Budget Director David Stockman ruled out any reversal on income tax cuts, although he said the government might consider more cuts in social spending if it had bipartisan support for the measure.

Reagan said he was disappointed at suggestions from the business community that income taxes should be put up in order to cut

He said the United States has serious problems in its trade balance in general and in its share of the world export market in particular. "We've simply got to export more," he said.

The new report said that last year "sluggish economic conditions both in the United States and abroad slowed the growth in imports and exports 5.6 and 5 percent respectively."

But Treasury Undersecretary Beryl Sprinkel said earlier this winter that a number of foreign industrial nations should be entering "an export-led recovery which will gather steam during the year." Part of the reason concerns the value of the dollar, which grew during much of last year, thereby hurting U.S. exports and encouraging imports by making American goods more expensive for foreigners and foreign goods less expensive for U.S. citizens to buy.

the government's \$100 billion budget deficit planned for next year. "They have forgotten that feeding more dollars to government is like feeding a stray pup. It just follows you home and sits on your doorstep asking for more," he said.

Reagan complained that too many experts and commentators tended to "concentrate so much on the ripples that they can't see the waves and the tides". The president disagreed with critics who claimed the budget deficit would put pressure on money markets

## Retail prices stay static in Britain

LONDON, March 19 (R) — Retail prices in Britain stopped rising last month for the first time in nearly 12 years, the government announced Friday.

As a result the annual inflation rate dropped from 12 to 11 percent. The fall, attributed to drops in petrol and food prices, was the first since September last year.

The figures were good news for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who has made the battle against inflation the cornerstone of her economic policy.

"Today's figures are a real boost for the country," said Employment Secretary Norman Tebbit. Efforts to curb inflation suffered a temporary setback late last year as sterling fell on foreign exchanges despite the government's tough anti-inflationary stance.

and drive up interest rates.

"Federal borrowing in 1983 and 1984 will be several times less than the total private savings resulting from our tax cuts," he said, adding that 1984 private savings would exceed the 1981 level by \$260 billion.

"Private borrowers aren't going to be crowded out, they are going to find more credit available precisely because of the tax cut program we have already enacted," Reagan insisted.

## BRIEFS

BONN, (AFP) — The cost of living in West Germany rose by only 0.2 percent in February compared with 0.9 percent in January, the Federal Statistical Office reported Friday. In the last 12 months in Blation was 5.8 percent against 6.3 percent in the 12 months to January.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — The personal income of the average American rose by 0.5 percent in February following a 0.2 percent rise in January and a fall of 0.1 percent in December, the Commerce Department said Friday.

TOKYO, (AFP) — An 11-day fair staged by 22 U.S. states opened here Friday with 52 companies showing 4,500 items. This is the first fair of this kind in Japan. Products displayed include apparel, furniture, home utensils, musical instruments, cosmetics, stationery and optical equipment.

LONDON, (AFP) — Britain has suspended imports of babies' and girls' garments from China, the Department of Trade announced Friday. In only two and a half months, these imports have reached the 34 ton level for the year at which the European Economic Community (EEC) in May, on Britain's behalf, request the introduction of quotas under its textiles agreement with China, the department said.

HONG KONG, (AFP) — Britain and China have agreed to increase passenger capacity on the Hong Kong-Shanghai air route by up to 50 percent, a government spokesman said Friday. The agreement, which goes into effect May 1, was reached during recent talks in Peking to review the 1979 air service agreement signed by the two governments.

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## As gold slips anew

## Dollar scales new heights

LONDON, March 19 (AP) — The U.S. dollar strengthened further against leading foreign currencies in trading Friday, reaching record high against the French franc and Italian lire. Gold bullion prices fell up to \$7 an ounce.

Despite sustained pressure against the franc since the Socialist government lost in local elections Sunday, dealers in Paris said there appeared to be no immediate move to devalue the French currency.

They also said there was no apparent intervention by the Bank of France in early dealings Friday. The bank intervened heavily on Thursday when the dollar broke through the 6.30 franc level for the first time ever. The dollar traded for 6.2425 francs early Friday, up from the previous day's late rate of 6.2075.

Earlier, in New York, the French franc has weakened sharply amid speculation about its possible realignment in the European Monetary System.

The French central bank raised interest rates Thursday, pushing its key treasury bill discount rate to 18 percent from 15.75, to try to halt what foreign exchange dealers described as massive speculation against the franc. West Germany, Switzerland and the

Netherlands cut their interest rates to try to ease pressure on the French currency, which financial analysts said was suffering from uncertainty over France's economic outlook and continued high inflation.

In Milan, the dollar moved up to 1,313 Italian lire, from Thursday's 1,302. The Italian press, in front-page articles, attributed the dollar's strength to deep differences in the monetary policies of the 10-nation European Common Market.

In Tokyo where trading ends just as it begins in Europe, the dollar rose to 243.60 yen, up from 241.05 at the close Thursday and last Friday's rate of 239.05.

Gold prices, meanwhile, dropped sharply during the morning, and dealers said the decline was due to the dollar's strength.

London's five major bullion dealers recommended a morning gold fixing price of \$316.25 a troy ounce, down \$7 from Thursday's late rate.

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## Spaniards can't figure it out

MADRID, March 19 (AFP) — A controversy with political undertones has developed over the statistics of the Spanish economy in 1981.

Spanish business leaders and government officials are producing very different sets of figures. In some quarters industrial leaders and bankers are suspected of trying to blacken the country's situation with political intent, and ultimately to strike a blow at Spain's budding democracy.

The C.E.O.Z. Business Federation affirmed Jan. 7 that zero growth occurred in 1981, the lowest figure for 20 years. The Spanish Banking Association has asserted that the gross national product (GNP) dropped one percent.

The government says expansion was one percent. Outsiders believe it was between zero and 0.5 percent.

## Tin exports face 10 percent cut

LONDON, March 19 (AFP) — Tin exports from producer members of the international tin agreement are likely to be cut by about 10 percent, sources at the emergency meeting of the International Tin Council said here Friday.

At the end of the first session Friday, it was evident that some consumers were still adamant in their opposition to any such cuts, but that others had backed reductions of around 10 percent.

Some producing countries are anxious to preserve funds, were pressing hard for a much higher export cut of 20 percent. But the sources said the size of the cut would be determined by the consumers.

It is understood that the council's buffer stock manager, Pieter de Konig, gave a detailed review stressing the seriousness of the tin market situation after his heavy support buying over the last few weeks.

At a previous emergency session of the council 10 days ago, buffer funds totaling more than 100 million pounds sterling (\$130 million) were called up from members — 86 million pounds of which came from producers.

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Qatari Riyal (100)	—	182.00	181.60
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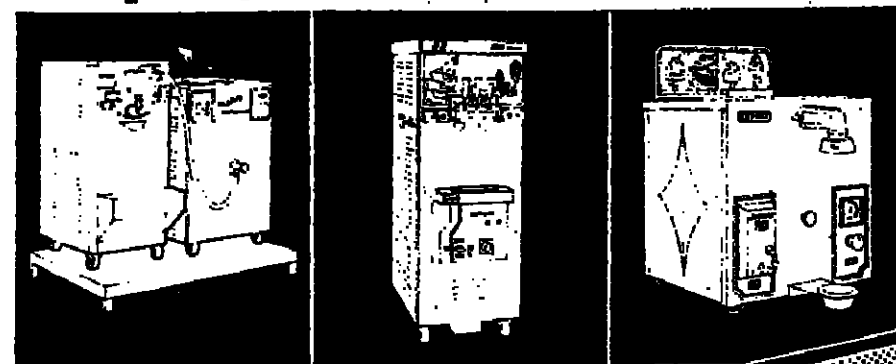
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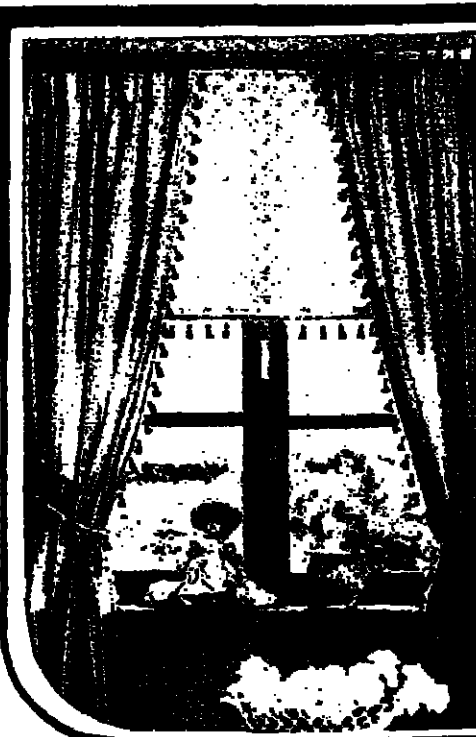
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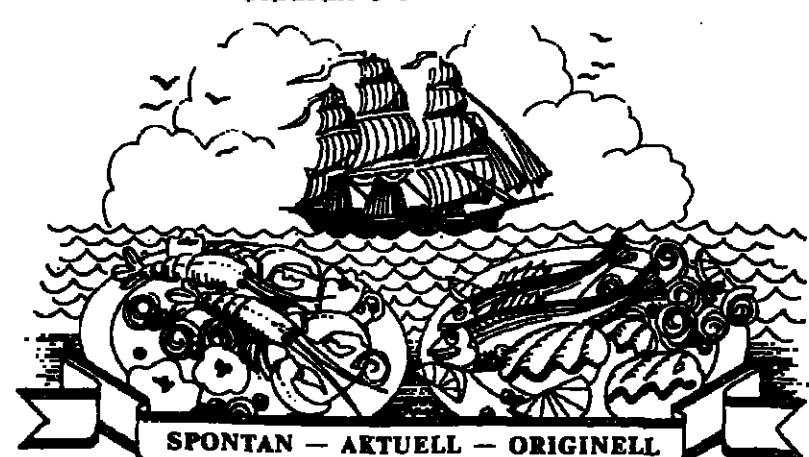
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## Connors, Lendl sail into quarterfinals

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, March 19 (AP) — Top seed Jimmy Connors reached the quarterfinals of the Grand Prix Tennis Tournament here Thursday night but Gene Mayer had to scratch with a back injury.

Connors beat fellow American Vince Van Patten 7-5, 6-2 while Mayer abandoned the match against John Sadri.

Mayer had lost the first set 6-2 and was trailing 1-0 in the second when he withdrew and left the tournament hall in the "Ahoy" Sports Center. Organizers said he was complaining about a back injury sustained earlier in the season and had returned to his hotel.

In other third-round action, Brian Gottfried of the U.S. defeated fellow American Harold Solomon 6-2, 6-1.

In Strasbourg, France, Masters champion Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia coasted into a quarterfinal match with Poland's Wojtek Fibak in the \$300,000 World Championship.

Lendl, ranked third in the world and second seed here, scored a straight sets win over Robert Van't Hof, an American ranked 111th in the world. Lendl's heavy forehand quickly tamed the burly American's serve and volley game to win 6-3, 6-2. The Czechoslovak is odds-on favorite to win following the dismissal of all but three seeds.

The top seed, Wimbledon and United States Open champion John McEnroe, withdrew before the tournament started with a sprained ankle. Fibak beat Italy's Corrado Barazzutti in three sets 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 in his third round match.

Australian Open finalist Steve Denton of the United States also reached the quarterfinals of the \$75,000 Lorraine Open, counting for the Grand Prix, in Metz.

The big Texan outscored South African Andrew Rartison to win the first set on a tiebreak and then dropped only one more game in the third round match.

Frenchman Christophe Roger-Vasselin achieved a good win over Sammy Giammalva of the United States. After taking the first set 6-3, he clinched victory over a tiebreaker.

In the women's event, Kathy Jordan of the United States caused the shock of the day when she defeated Czech player Hana Mandlikova 6-4, 7-6 in the second round of the Women's International Tennis Tournament in Boston Thursday.

Mandlikova, the 1981 French Open champion, was taken to three sets in her opening match Wednesday. In another evening result, 38-year-old Billie-Jean King celebrated her return to form with a straight sets victory over Ann Kiyomura of the United States 6-4, 6-2.

Anne Smith won tiebreakers in two consecutive sets to beat fellow American Barbara Jordan, 7-5, 7-5. Smith, who is seeded sixth, overcame Jordan's aggressive net play with a series of rocketing forehands that forced her opponent out of position.

In other second-round matches, Betsy Nagelsen advanced with a 4-6, 7-6, 6-3 victory over Anne Hobbs and Bonnie Gadusek beat Jo Durie in straight sets 6-2, 6-2.

The eighth-seeded Nagelsen, won eleven of the last 15 games of her match, including a 7-5 tiebreaker that swayed the momentum in her favor. She also scored service breaks in the first and last games of the second set.

In doubles action, Candy Reynolds and Mary Lou Piatek defeated Leslie Allen and Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia, 6-1, 6-1.

## Dunes-2 retains Bridge lead

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 19 — Fancied teams held their own in the penultimate week of the Jeddah Bridge League with the top four teams in the 'A' league still vying keenly.

The victory of these four teams was expected. And the teams did not disappoint. Dunes-2, who retained the top spot in the 'A' league by a bare one Victory Point margin, ended IAL's run of victories with a 16-4 verdict. The Dunes-2 benefitted by the team changes in IAL as close challengers Irregulars had a cakewalk over SEA-1.

Irregulars, who had a 19-1 victory over their opponents, were followed by French Rose, nine Victory Point behind, who had a 14-6 triumph over Gray Mackenzie. French Rose were just one Victory Point ahead of KAIA White, who bested Pak 4 Green 16-4.

The race for the top spots in the 'B' league was not that close. Dunes-1, who are 23 VPs

ahead of their nearest rivals, swamped cellar team ADS 20-0, as second-placed Saudia Blues managed to hold onto their second berth in the league scraping past Sangmed 11-9.

In the two other matches of the league, Mobil, who are placed fourth, enhanced their first half lead with a comfortable 13-7 victory over KAIA Green, while CIB, after big first half losses, rallied to beat Sharbatli 11-9.

The next week's engagements are expected to provide no changes to the 'B' league positions with Dunes-1 well established at the top. But the same cannot be said for the 'A' league. Tense and keen matches is expected with the top four places still undecided. Leaders Dunes-2 will take on Irregulars, which may well decide the top spot, while the fight for the third and fourth positions will also take place as French Rose and KAIA White are scheduled to play each other.

## Frost, Padukone to clash in final

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, March 19 (AP) — Danish badminton ace Morten Frost was the only European to survive singles play in the 30th Danish Open Badminton Championships after blasting He Shangquan of China in the semifinals Thursday, 15-3, 15-3.

It set the stage for an exciting finals duel against India's Prakash Padukone, who similarly outclassed Ick Sugianto of Indonesia in the semifinals, 15-2, 15-4.

Frost was in peak form, overwhelming He

with thunderbolt smashes and forcing him all over the court. Padukone and Frost have virtually opposite badminton styles: the Dane with hard-hitting long arms and the Indian with a more cautious, precise technique.

The battle for the ladies' single title will be an all-Chinese affair after the 1981 champion, Lee Koeppen of Denmark, was forced out by Xu Rong of China 11-8, 12-10. Xu will Wu Jiangqui, who made amazingly fast work of rising star Wu Dixi, also of China, 11-4, 11-1.



**MILESTONE:** Greg Chappell who passed yet another milestone in his chequered career when he overtook Neil Harvey's aggregate of 6,149 runs. Chappell is now second to Sir Donald Bradman's 6,996.

**Score-board**

Australia (1st innings):	
B. Laird c Smith b Troup	12
G. Wood c Hadlee b Snedden	64
J. Dyson c Crowe b Hadlee	1
G. Chappell batting	76
K. Hughes b Hadlee	12
A. Border b Snedden	6
R. Marsh batting	18
Extras:	13
Total (for 5 wks)	202
Fall of Wickets:	1-50, 2-57, 3-82, 4-128, 5-145.
Bowling:	Hadlee 18-4-17-2, Troup 9-0-33-1, Snedden 15-2-65-2, Cairns 14-2-44-0, Coney 1-1-0-0.

## Chappell keeps New Zealand at bay

With an unbeaten knock of 76

CHRISTCHURCH, March 19 (AP) — The full worth of Greg Chappell's position as Australia's senior batsman has rarely been better demonstrated than in the gloom of Lancaster Park Friday.

His unbeaten 76 in a total of 202 for five — a captain's hand if ever there was one — was all the more poignant for the fact that it may be his last match as Australia's captain. Chappell has decided not to tour Pakistan later this year and cannot be certain of regaining the leadership for the Ashes series against England in Australia next season.

Usually when Chappell makes a score, the runs come with no apparent effort. Friday he had to fight for everything, and was occasionally in real trouble. But in much the same way as Jack Nicklaus can play badly and shoot 66, Chappell was still there at the close, another milestone under his belt and within sight of his 20th Test century.

During Friday's innings he passed Neil Harvey's aggregate of 6,149 runs for Australia — in 77 Tests to Harvey's 79 and is now second to Sir Donald Bradman's 6,996 runs scored in 52 Tests.

Although he had stated on match eve that he would go down the order to No. 5, Chappell came in at the fall of the second wicket when Bruce Laird and John Dyson had been dismissed in the space of a few minutes.

Everything was in New Zealand's favor. Geoff Howarth had won the toss and sent Australia in on a greenish wicket which was made all the more difficult by a heavy cloud cover. New Zealand's four seam bowlers were threatening to run through the Australian innings and establish a winning position on the first day, as they did under less favorable conditions at Eden Park a week before.

Chappell had some close calls. At 32 he fended a flyer from Richard Hadlee from in front of his face. It was fractionally too high

for wicketkeeper Ian Smith to make the catch, although the ball brushed his upstretched glove on its way to the boundary.

The sight of that induced Allan Border to call for a batting helmet. In such light he might equally have asked for a miner's hat and lamp. In any case, Border was bowled between bat and pad before the helmet could be brought out to him and only Rod Marsh stood between New Zealand and the Australian tailenders.

Kim Hughes had earlier fallen to a bad shot, playing across the line and losing his middle stump to Hadlee. The situation called for concerted defiance and Chappell and Marsh earned themselves another campaign medal each by keeping the attack out until tea.

By that time the clouds were obscuring the Cashmere hills overlooking the ground and no further play was possible after tea. Chappell reached his half-century when he guided

Hadlee wide of gully's left hand for a seventh boundary.

He had another escape at 54 when Hadlee launched himself from the same position knock down a square drive which looked to from the moment it left the bat. For all difficulties he had to overcome, Chappell played some handsome shots when the ball presented itself to be hit. His cover-drive was straight from the manual.

The same could be said of Graeme Wood who believed the discomfort of his partner by compiling a busy 64 off 81 balls. He looked set for his second Test century in working week when Martin Crowe got his fingertips to a bat-pad chance off Hadlee and held on.

In the circumstances Australia did well to reach 200, and if Chappell and Hadlee combine Marsh (18 not out) can carry on in the morning. Australia may be able to establish a position from which they can square the series.

## English rebels face Test ban

LONDON, March 19 (AFP) — A Test ban looks set to be slapped on the 15 England cricketers who chanced their cricket futures in exchange for hefty purses for an unsanctioned South African tour.

The Test and County Cricket board is to announce its recommendation Friday. The board has already given details to 17 first class Counties and a ban is expected at least for the India and Pakistan tours this summer.

The unofficial tour which has brought some players as much as 50,000 pounds could spark of another legal battle reminiscent of the 1988 Kerry Packer affair.

The Counties are believed to have been recommended to rest the players from their fixtures with the tourists — India's first match is against Warwickshire who have Amiss and

Humpage in South Africa — but the board executive committee are thought to have resisted demands to ban them from all County cricket.

The big question is how far the players are ready to go to challenge any form of ban. The TCCB have had extensive discussions with their lawyers over the wording of their recommendation.

But they are also conscious of the need to appease the Indian and Pakistan boards and to play fair by those English players who turned down offers to join the South African tour in order not to jeopardise their chances to selection.

The TCCB fear that a withdrawal by India and Pakistan from the summer's tours could cost up to \$1.5 million in revenue and possibly send some Counties to the wall.

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## In European Cup semifinals

## Villa to take on Anderlecht

ZURICH, March 19 (R) — Favorites Bayern Munich of West Germany will have to overcome the dangerous Bulgarians of Cska Sofia if they are to stay on course for a fourth European Soccer Cup triumph.

In Friday's semifinal draw in Zurich, Bayern were paired with the giant-killing Bulgarians while English champions Aston Villa were matched with Anderlecht of Belgium. In view of Cska's past performances, Bayern will not relish their trip to Sofia for the first-leg on April 7.

On Wednesday, Cska ended English club Liverpool's reign in the National Stadium

striker Karl-Heinz Rummenigge's fitness battle. Rummenigge, European footballer of the year for the past two seasons, was injured in the quarterfinal victory over Romania's Universitatea in midweek. He tore a ligament in his left knee and is almost certain to miss the journey to Sofia although he could be fit for the return.

Anderlecht, Cup Winners' Cup champions in 1976 and 1978, have emerged as the best outsiders with victories over Juventus of Italy and Yugoslavia's Red Star Belgrade in the last two rounds. But Villa are fast regaining the form which took them to the English

half fightback against Eintracht Frankfurt in West Germany could be the spark to rekindle their challenge for the English First Division Soccer title Saturday.

The Londoners, beaten by Liverpool in the League Cup final at Wembley last Saturday looked destined for a second disappointment when they conceded two early goals in Frankfurt, thereby losing their first-leg lead. But a sweetly-struck shot from Glenn Hoddle after the interval took Tottenham into the semifinals of the European Cup-Winners' Cup and kept alive their hopes of three major trophies this season.

But Tottenham, who are also in the semifinals of the English F.A. Cup will have to take on visiting Southampton, the league leaders, without Argentine midfielder Osvaldo Ardiles and striker Garth Crooks. Crooks missed the Cup-Winners' tie against Eintracht due to injury while Ardiles was substituted soon after the start.

Tottenham are in eighth place at present, but a victory over Southampton would leave them just six points behind the leaders with seven games in hand — a possible 21 points this season.

Second-placed Swansea, two points behind Southampton but with two games in hand, travel to struggling Wolverhampton without Welsh international Jeremy Charles. Charles, nephew of the great John Charles who played for Juventus of Italy in the late 1950's, is out of action after a cartilage operation. His place will probably go to former England and Everton striker Bob Latchford.

Wolverhampton manager Ian Greaves has dropped center-half and captain Joe Gallagher, a 400,000 sterling (\$720,000) signing from Birmingham earlier in the season.

## Tele Santana to coach Ahli

By Eida Hamdan

JEDDAH, March 19 — Top soccer coach, Tele Santana, is expected to make the scene in Jeddah shortly.

The world renowned coach, who at the moment is busy getting the Brazilian national team in shape for the World Cup Soccer finals to be held in Spain, will take on the Al Ahli Club of Jeddah under his watchful eyes after the World tourney, according to Prince Mohammad Al Abdullah Al Fai-

sal, chairman of the club. Prince Faisal said that Santana, is expected in Jeddah after the World Cup, but prior to that Santana's assistant is expected to groom the team.

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Meanwhile, Tottenham's brave second-

## To finish third

## Zambia downs Algeria

TRIPOLI, March 19 (AFP) — Zambia, the surprise team of the tournament, beat Algeria 2-0 in the third place playoff before a disappointingly small crowd of 3,000 in the African Nations Football Championship here Thursday.

Hosts Libya play Ghana in Friday's final. Ghana are three-times winners but their last success was in 1978 when they hosted the tournament.

Zambian left winger Peter Kaumba, the outstanding forward in the competition, caused the downfall of World Cup finalists Algeria, who had started the tournament as favorites. He had a hand in both goals, scoring the first and setting up the second inside 25 minutes, and generally making things look difficult for his opposing fullback, Djendji.

Kaumba opened the score in the fourth minute, beating two defenders on the edge of the penalty area and hammering shot past Amara, preferred to the disappointing Cebbah, in the Algerian goal.

Algeria's best player, Beloumi, tried his best to get his attack moving but they frittered away chances. In the 10th minute Ait El Hocine wasted the best chance of all, hesitating when unmarked in front of goal and allowing Zambian goalkeeper Bwalya to bring off a fine save.

Then Kaumba set up the knock-out blow after 25 minutes. He went past Djendji like a locomotive and drove the ball low across the mouth of the goal to Munshya at the far post for a stunning second goal.

## In Faisalabad Test

## Pakistan to avoid follow-on

eight wickets and still 45 runs in need to avoid the follow-on. Pakistan suffered a major blow. Keeper Ashraf Ali, who was responsible for the rearguard action, missed the line of a Ranasinghe's straighter delivery and was bowled for 58. Pakistan still needed 32 runs to avoid the follow-on.

Tauseef, the last of the Pakistan's resistance, stepped in to fill the breach. With things looking bleak for Pakistan, there seemed no option but to bat again. But they did not contend with the last pair's determination. Rashid Khan and Tauseef warded off the sustained attack of the Sri Lankans and slowly, but surely pulled the Pakistanis out of the woods. Rashid, playing the dominant

partner, was undefeated with 43 valuable runs with Tauseef holding on for 18 before spinner Somachandra lured him to offer a catch to Madugalle.

The loss of the first three days' grip on the match must have told on the Sri Lankans, who played like a dispirited lot. Except for the steady knock by wicketkeeper Mahesh Gunatilleke — whose contribution was 56 in Sri Lanka's 127 for eight — the island would have been placed in a worse position.

After early breakthroughs through Tahir Naqqash and Iqbal Qasim, who enjoyed a marathon stint, Tauseef struck two late blows after Duleep Mendis ran himself out for a blob. The Test at this stage is poised keenly and a target of 350 may well be within the grasp of the Pakistanis Friday.

## Score-board

Sri Lanka (1st innings):	454	de Silva 2-3-103-4; A. de Silva 24-10-38-2; Kalperuma 6-0-24-0.
Pakistan (1st innings):		
Rizwan 10-2-20-0; A. de Silva	36	Sri Lanka (2nd innings):
Mohsin Khan 1-0-0-0; W. de Mel	12	S. Wettimuny 1-0-0-0; Ashraf Ali 1-0-0-0.
M. M. M. 1-0-0-0; W. de Mel	23	M. Gunatilleke 1-0-0-0; Naqqash
J. Mendis 1-0-0-0; Ranasinghe 1-0-0-0	18	Roy Dias 1-0-0-0; Naqqash
W. de Mel 1-0-0-0; Ranasinghe 1-0-0-0	22	Madugalle 1-0-0-0; Qasim
H. Rashid 1-0-0-0; A. de Silva	58	D. Mendis 1-0-0-0; Tauseef
Ashraf Ali 1-0-0-0; Ranasinghe	58	Ranasinghe 1-0-0-0; Tauseef
T. Naqqash 1-0-0-0; de Mel 1-0-0-0	1	de Mel batting
Iqbal Qasim 1-0-0-0; de Mel 1-0-0-0	5	Kalperuma batting
Rashid Khan 1-0-0-0; de Mel 1-0-0-0	43	Extras: 427
Tauseef 1-0-0-0; de Mel 1-0-0-0	18	Total (for 8 wickets):
Extras: 9	9	Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-44, 3-82, 4-82, 5-86, 6-104, 7-114, 8-114.
Total: 270		Bowling: Naqqash 10-3-41-2; Rashid Khan 1-0-0-0; Qasim 27-9-44-2; Tauseef 14-4-18-2; Rizwan 5-2-13-0.

## World Ice Hockey

## France strikes in last period

JACA, Spain, March 19 (AFP) — France beat Bulgaria 4-2, (0-0, 2-2, 2-0) here Friday in the first match of the World Ice Hockey Group "C" Championship.

The first few minutes of the match was an equally balanced trial of strength, but in the second minute of the second period Audisio put France ahead. The eastern Europeans equalized shortly afterward and then went ahead but France again went on the offensive toward the end of the second period and Audisio took the score to 2-2 in the 14th minute.

The third period was one of end to end play, in which France went ahead with a goal by Treille (7th) and increased it through Bernadette Blond (11th).

Meanwhile, in the lone National Hockey League action Thursday night, Wayne Babych scored two goals and assisted on two others as the St. Louis Blues ended a 10-game

road losing streak with a 7-4 victory over the Detroit Red Wings. St. Louis took the lead for good early in the first period.

In the NHL Wednesday night games, rookie Bernie Nicholls struck for three power-play goals to lead the Los Angeles Kings to a 9-4 victory over the Calgary Flames. After a tied first period, the Kings had a five-goal blitz which led to their facile verdict.

Miroslav Frycer scored three goals, including two in the second period, against the team which traded him last week and led Toronto Maple Leafs to a 6-3 win over the Quebec Nordiques.

A goal by rookie Bobby Carpenter with 76 seconds left enabled the Washington Capitals to tie with the Vancouver Canucks 6-6 in a close encounter. Washington led the Canucks 5-4 into the decisive period. But Vancouver snatched the advantage with two quick goals till Carpenter tied the score.

## Gooch, Larkins in breezy stand

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, March 19 (AP) — The rebel English cricket side were 101 for one wicket Friday in their first innings when rain stopped play on the first day of a four-day match against South Africa.

Play was held to 160 minutes because of the rain. Graham Gooch hit a confident unbeaten 56, including 10 boundaries in his attractive 130-delivery knock. Geoff Boycott scored 16 with two boundaries before he was caught out on a controversial call.

The television replay seemed to show the ball bounce onto the ground, strike Boycott's ankle and fly up to Adrian Kuiper at silly point. The umpire raised his finger after a slight pause, much to Boycott's disgust.

The English visitors, who face possible sanctions by the governors of the game for defying a ban and playing in South Africa, hoped to recoup after their eight-wicket loss to the south Africans in the first four-day match in Johannesburg last weekend. Gooch won the toss and surprisingly chose to bat despite the damp, blustery weather conditions.

Once the record-breaking Yorkshire opener had left the scene, Wayne Larkins brought an air of aggression to the crease. He and Gooch scored 23 runs in 29 minutes to bring up the 50 total in 110 minutes. Larkins struck four boundaries in reaching 26 not out in an unbroken 74-run stand in 80 minutes.

## UAB moves past Virginia

By Tom Martella

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 19 — The University of Alabama-Birmingham, only four years in Division I College Basketball, knocked off No. 3-ranked Virginia in a Midwest Regional NCAA semifinal game played on UAB's home court. A roaring partisan crowd pushed the Blazers to their 68-66 win, which means they'll meet Louisville Saturday for the right to advance to the final four next week.

Louisville topped Minnesota 67-61 with a pressure defense and quickness which offset Minnesota's height advantage.

The local favorite here, Georgetown, had an easy time despite its playing far from home. The Hoyas, ranked seventh nationally, raced past defense-minded Fresno State 58-40 in the West Regional at Provo, Utah. Georgetown Saturday goes up against Oregon State which beat Idaho 60-42.

East and Midwest Regional semifinal games were scheduled for Friday night, with finals set for Sunday.

Meanwhile, National Basketball Association games are won with more than surprises, a fact that Seattle SuperSonics have learned from Detroit Pistons. The Sonics, who trailed for most of the game, introduced Donaldson in the final minutes Thursday night to take a one-point lead.

But Detroit rookies Kelly Tripucka and Isiah Thomas, along with recently acquired Bill Laimbeer, made crucial shots in the final 79 seconds to give the Pistons a 119-115 victory.

In the other two NBA actions elsewhere, Portland downed Golden State 109-95, and Atlanta tripped Houston 95-94.

## With fluent win over India

## Pakistan bags Asia Cup

KARACHI, March 19 (AFP) — World hockey champions Pakistan crowned themselves with yet another glory when they won the first Asian Cup Tournament by beating India 4-0 in the final here Friday.

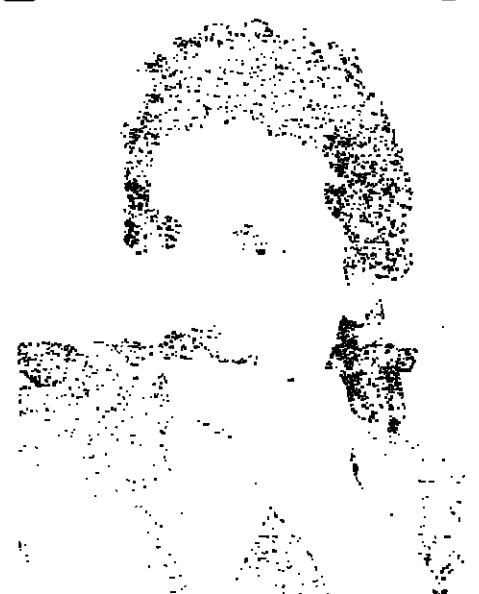
In a nerve-shattering game which turned out to be the best of the tournament, Pakistan, after some anxious moments overwhelmed its traditional rivals to win the coveted trophy. Pakistan's scorers were left full back Qasim Zia, who sounded the board twice off penalty corners, outside right Kaleemullah and center-forward Hasan Sardar. Hasan Sardar, who notched a hat-trick and a double-trick during the competition and was top-scorer with 16 goals, was judged player of the tournament.

Earlier, China had won the third position in its maiden international tournament, beating Singapore 2-0. Malaysia, who humbled Bangladesh 4-1, were fourth and Bangladesh, Singapore and Sri Lanka, earned the fifth, sixth and seventh positions respectively.

Both, India and Pakistan, fielded their strongest combinations and as expected the match began on a tense note with both sides producing the finest game of the tournament. Relying heavily on their nimble-footed forwards, Pakistan attacked aggressively and earned four penalty-corners and four corners in-a-row.

The first three penalty-corners were either off the mark or were brilliantly saved by Indian defenders. In the 23rd minute, however, center-forward Hasan Sardar, the tournament's most prolific scorer, was obstructed by Indian captain Surjit Singh in the circle and the resultant penalty-corner was cashed by Qasim Zia to send Pakistan into the lead.

The fast tempo of the game was maintained even after resumption and soon Pakistan earned two penalty corners. The second was converted by Qasim Zia, who led Pakistan under-19's to victory in the recent eight-Test



Hasan Sardar... adjudged player of the tournament.

series against India youths. India substituted winger Shahid with Parminder Singh and the change brought pressure on Pakistan but without any result. Pakistan's third goal came off a scoop from right-out Kaleemullah, collecting a cross from skipper Samiullah.

Wilting under the strain of the game's fast tempo, the Indians fell on the defensive, seemingly to restrict the Pakistani lead.

## How they finished

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Pakistan	6	6	0	0	51	1	12
India	6	5	0	1	40	4	10
China	6	4	0	2	7	18	8
Malaysia	6	3	0	3	18	12	6
Bangladesh	6	2	0	4	8	22	4
Singapore	6	0	1	5	4	30	1
Sri Lanka	6	0	1	5	2	43	1

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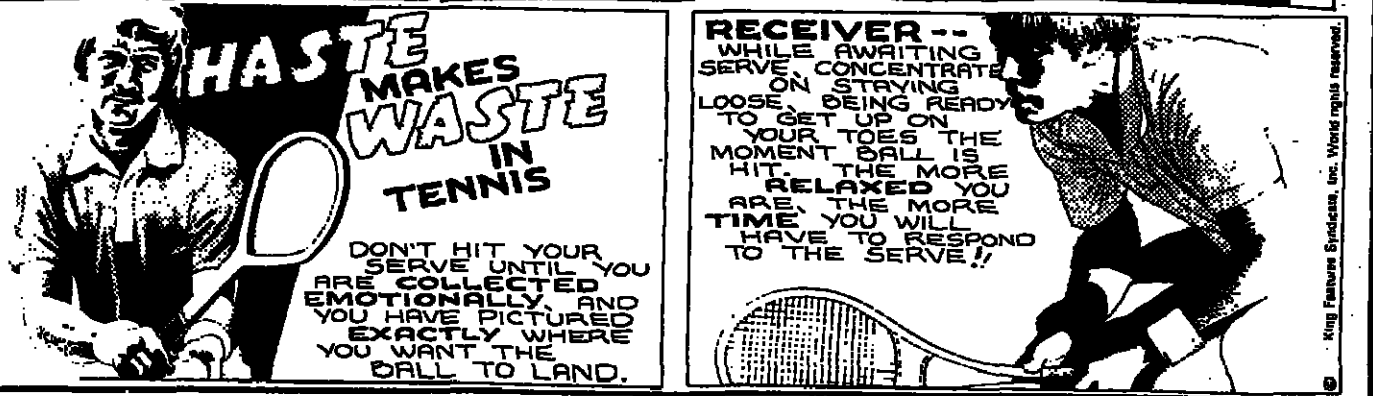
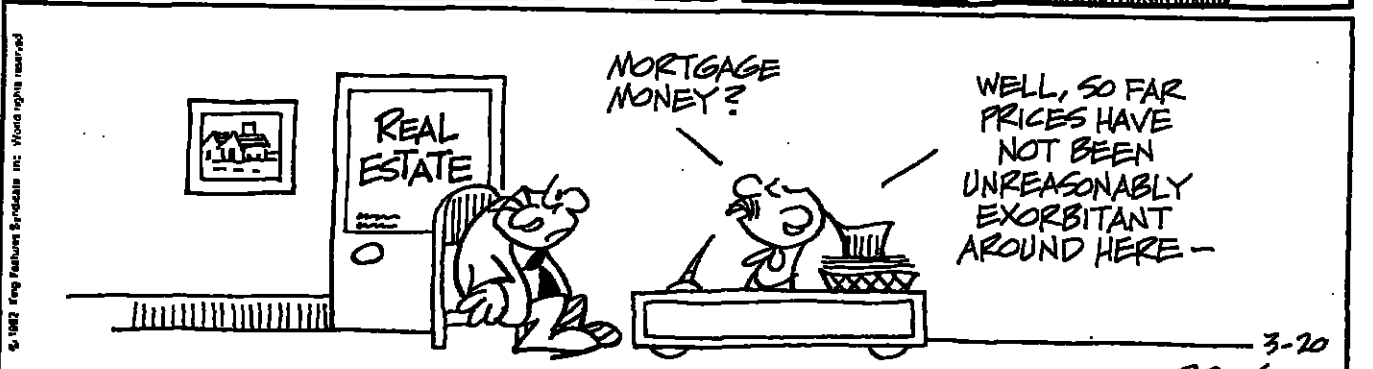
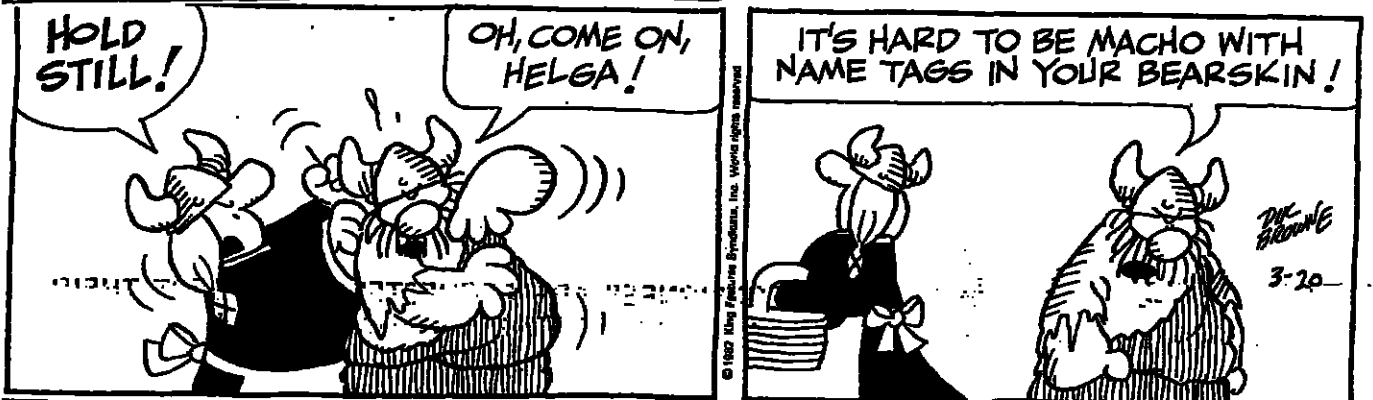
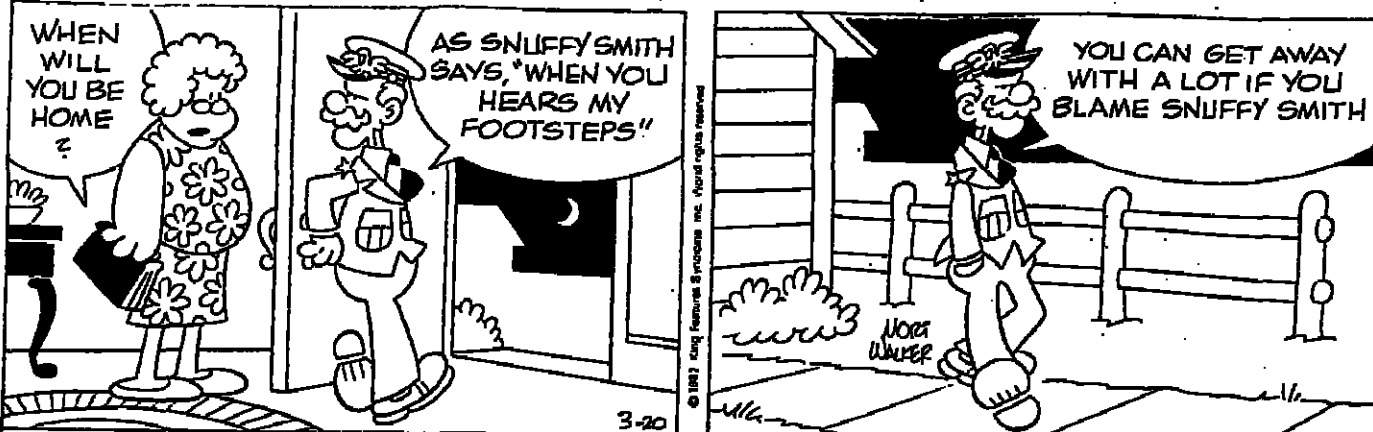
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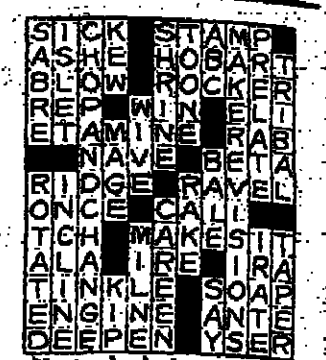
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7:55 Barriers	8:45 Litter	6:15 Religious Program
8:30 Tomorrow's Programs	9:40 Nephew	7:00 Songs
11:10 News	11:10 News	7:30 Arabic Film Series
8:20 Folk Songs	8:20 Folk Songs	8:20 Folk Songs
8:30 Arabic News	8:30 Arabic News	8:30 Arabic News
9:00 Cultural Series	9:00 Cultural Series	9:00 Cultural Series
9:30 Arabic Local News	9:30 Arabic Local News	9:30 Arabic Local News
4:45 Songs	4:45 Songs	4:45 Songs
10:00 English News	10:00 English News	10:00 English News
10:30 Arabic Film	10:30 Arabic Film	10:30 Arabic Film
12:10 News	12:10 News	12:10 News
12:30 Quran	12:30 Quran	12:30 Quran
<b>DUBAI Channel 10</b>	4:00 Quran	4:00 Quran
4:15 Religious Talk	4:15 Religious Talk	4:15 Religious Talk
5:00 Children's Series	5:00 Children's Series	5:00 Children's Series
5:30 Local Children Program	5:30 Local Children Program	5:30 Local Children Program
6:00 Documentary	6:00 Documentary	6:00 Documentary
6:30 Theater World	6:30 Theater World	6:30 Theater World
7:30 Local News	7:30 Local News	7:30 Local News
8:00 Eight is Enough	8:00 Eight is Enough	8:00 Eight is Enough
9:00 Arabic Drama	9:00 Arabic Drama	9:00 Arabic Drama
10:00 World News	10:00 World News	10:00 World News
10:30 Program Preview Songs	10:30 Program Preview Songs	10:30 Program Preview Songs
10:45 Weekly Arabic Series	10:45 Weekly Arabic Series	10:45 Weekly Arabic Series
12:00 Quran	12:00 Quran	12:00 Quran
<b>DUBAI Channel 33</b>	5:00 Holy Quran	5:00 Holy Quran
5:15 The Quran	5:15 The Quran	5:15 The Quran
5:30 Roll On Saturday UK	5:30 Roll On Saturday UK	5:30 Roll On Saturday UK
6:00 Mr. Merlin	6:00 Mr. Merlin	6:00 Mr. Merlin
6:30 Wings to Adventure	6:30 Wings to Adventure	6:30 Wings to Adventure
6:50 Big League Soccer	6:50 Big League Soccer	6:50 Big League Soccer
7:40 Local News	7:40 Local News	7:40 Local News
7:45 To The Manor Born	7:45 To The Manor Born	7:45 To The Manor Born
8:00 Elsie Is Progress	8:00 Elsie Is Progress	8:00 Elsie Is Progress
8:30 Islamic Horizons	8:30 Islamic Horizons	8:30 Islamic Horizons
9:05 Knotts Landing	9:05 Knotts Landing	9:05 Knotts Landing
10:00 Local News	10:00 Local News	10:00 Local News
10:30 Best Sellers	10:30 Best Sellers	10:30 Best Sellers
12:00 Quran	12:00 Quran	12:00 Quran
<b>Bahrain Channel 4</b>	4:00 Quran	4:00 Quran
4:20 Program Preview	4:20 Program Preview	4:20 Program Preview
4:55 Cartoons	4:55 Cartoons	4:55 Cartoons
5:00 Children's Series	5:00 Children's Series	5:00 Children's Series
6:00 Little House on the Prairie	6:00 Little House on the Prairie	6:00 Little House on the Prairie
7:00 Daily Arabic Series	7:00 Daily Arabic Series	7:00 Daily Arabic Series
8:00 Arabic News	8:00 Arabic News	8:00 Arabic News
8:30 Local Musical Program	8:30 Local Musical Program	8:30 Local Musical Program
9:30 Tomorrow's Programs	9:30 Tomorrow's Programs	9:30 Tomorrow's Programs
9:50 Sports Family Robinson	9:50 Sports Family Robinson	9:50 Sports Family Robinson
7:00 News	7:00 News	7:00 News
7:30 Bob Newhart	7:30 Bob Newhart	7:30 Bob Newhart
<b>Bahrain Channel 55</b>	4:00 Quran	4:00 Quran
4:17 Today's Programs	4:17 Today's Programs	4:17 Today's Programs
4:20 Sports Family Robinson	4:20 Sports Family Robinson	4:20 Sports Family Robinson
4:50 Students' Program	4:50 Students' Program	4:50 Students' Program
5:40 Adult Education	5:40 Adult Education	5:40 Adult Education
<b>Radio Jeddah</b>	Afternoon Transmission	FM 94 Megahertz
2:00 Opening	2:00 Opening	2:00 Opening
2:01 Holy Quran	2:01 Holy Quran	2:01 Holy Quran
2:05 Program Review	2:05 Program Review	2:05 Program Review
2:07 Quran of Guidance	2:07 Quran of Guidance	2:07 Quran of Guidance
2:12 Light Music	2:12 Light Music	2:12 Light Music
2:15 On Islam	2:15 On Islam	2:15 On Islam
2:20 A World in A Song	2:20 A World in A Song	2:20 A World in A Song
2:25 Light Music	2:25 Light Music	2:25 Light Music
2:30 The News	2:30 The News	2:30 The News
2:35 Press Review	2:35 Press Review	2:35 Press Review
2:40 Reflections of Fasting	2:40 Reflections of Fasting	2:40 Reflections of Fasting
2:45 Islamic Activities in Focus	2:45 Islamic Activities in Focus	2:45 Islamic Activities in Focus
2:50 Light Music	2:50 Light Music	2:50 Light Music
2:55 South At Anchor	2:55 South At Anchor	2:55 South At Anchor
3:00 Light Music	3:00 Light Music	3:00 Light Music
3:05 Program Summary	3:05 Program Summary	3:05 Program Summary
3:10 Holy Quran	3:10 Holy Quran	3:10 Holy Quran
3:15 Quran of Guidance	3:15 Quran of Guidance	3:15 Quran of Guidance
3:20 Light Music	3:20 Light Music	3:20 Light Music
3:25 Hope & Music	3:25 Hope & Music	3:25 Hope & Music
3:30 Viewpoint	3:30 Viewpoint	3:30 Viewpoint
3:35 Reflections of Fasting	3:35 Reflections of Fasting	3:35 Reflections of Fasting
3:40 Pot Power	3:40 Pot Power	3:40 Pot Power
3:45 The News	3:45 The News	3:45 The News
3:50 S. Chronicle	3:50 S. Chronicle	3:50 S. Chronicle
3:55 Life in Ramadan	3:55 Life in Ramadan	3:55 Life in Ramadan
4:00 A Leaf From Life's Notebook	4:00 A Leaf From Life's Notebook	4:00 A Leaf From Life's Notebook
4:05 Golden Age	4:05 Golden Age	4:05 Golden Age
4:10 Today's Day	4:10 Today's Day	4:10 Today's Day
4:15 On Islam	4:15 On Islam	4:15 On Islam
4:20 Music Machine	4:20 Music Machine	4:20 Music Machine
4:25 Melody Time	4:25 Melody Time	4:25 Melody Time
4:30 A Remarkable Wish Dream	4:30 A Remarkable Wish Dream	4:30 A Remarkable Wish Dream
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<b>Radio Riyadh</b>	Riyadh AM 1224 KHz	FM 94 MHz
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## Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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|------------------|--------------|
| ACROSS           | DOWN         |
| 1 Shave off      | 1 European   |
| 5 Accelerate     | capital      |
| 11 Alibi         | 2 Nautical   |
| 12 Wife of Paris | term         |
| 13 Track         | 3 Loaded     |
| event            | 4 Dutch      |
| 14 Repeated      | township     |
| 15 Somewhat      | 5 With       |
| (suffix)         | distress     |
| 16 Women's       | 6 Pint-sized |
| favorite         | 7 Entomology |
| pursuit          | (abbr.)      |
| 17 Buttons       | 8 Like       |
| 18 Ceremonious   | Little Nell  |
| 20 French        | 9 Set free   |
| dance            | 10 Hawk      |
| 21 Carriage      |              |
| 22 Trick         |              |
| 23 Get out!      |              |
| 24 Accom-        |              |
| panying          |              |
| 25 House plant   |              |
| 26 Whip          |              |
| 27 Gina's gold   |              |
| 28 Abscond       |              |
| 31 Caligula's    |              |
| greeting         |              |
| 32 Inhabitant    |              |
| (suffix)         |              |
| 33 Neighbor      |              |
| of Swed.         |              |
| 34 Ill-treat     |              |
| 36 Minor         |              |
| 37 Washes out    |              |
| 38 Regarding     |              |
| 39 Forsake       |              |
| 40 Symbol of Ra  |              |



Yesterday's Answer

STICK STAMP  
ASHE HOBART  
BLOW ROCKER  
REP WIN ELLI  
ETAMINE RAB  
NAIVE BETA  
RIDGE RAYEL  
ONCE CALI  
TICK MAKESIT  
ALA IRE IRA  
TINKLE SOAP  
ENGINE ANTE  
DEEPEN YSER

## DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

## CRYPTOQUOTES

XQS BGCUPSVX BFUPX RCPPHX JS

FSCW XQFHDZQ C ZHGW SCZGS

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## Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

## Extraordinary Foresight

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

What's so remarkable about this defense, you may ask? Well, let's see what would have happened had West continued with a club at trick two, as almost everyone would do.

South ruffs and now has the contract in tow. It is easy for him to deduce from the bidding that West has the A-Q of trumps. Therefore, to avoid staking the outcome on a heart finesse, he decides to endplay West.

With North-South already out of clubs, declarer also clears both hands of diamonds by playing the A-K-Q. West can ruff the last diamond if he wants to, but he'd find himself on lead with no safe exit card. So let's suppose he discards a spade on the third diamond.

This does not get him off the hook, because South plays a trump. West cashes the A-Q but is then in poor shape. He must return a heart to declarer's A-Q or yield a ruff and discard. Either way, South makes ten tricks.

It is West's far-sighted diamond play at trick two that stops all this from taking place. By retaining a safe exit card, West forestalls the endplay before it is born. He defeats the contract with one simple play.

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The bidding:

South West North East

1♣ Dble Pass 2♣

3♣ 3NT 4♣

Opening lead - king of clubs.

Defensive play does not have to be sensational to be effective. Here is a sample of fine defense, the kind that passes unnoticed until attention is drawn to it.

West led the king of clubs and shifted to a diamond at trick two. Declarer took the queen and, with nothing better to do, led a spade. West cashed both his trumps and now played the ace of clubs. Declarer ruffed, but went

down one when he later lost a heart trick to the king.

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## Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1982

### ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Exciting romance and a surprise invitation combine to add zest to special times. A career boost comes before noon. Travel is favored.

### TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

Artistic people meet with commercial opportunity. Business mixes well with pleasure. Rapport with close friends is assured.

### GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Travel leads to romance and adventure. Close ties surprise you in pleasant ways, but steer clear of a dubious business proposition.

### CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Family bonds grow stronger and romance is in the offing too. Good news comes from afar and home entertaining is favored.

### LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

You'll be in a working mood before noon and can get a lot

### LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

After you finish off some leftover work assignments, you'll be in the mood for good times. Romance may lead to a real commitment.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

An impromptu shopping trip leads to some worthwhile purchases. Entertaining at home is preferable to going out for good times.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

accomplished. A surprise invitation leads to romance. Express your sentiments.



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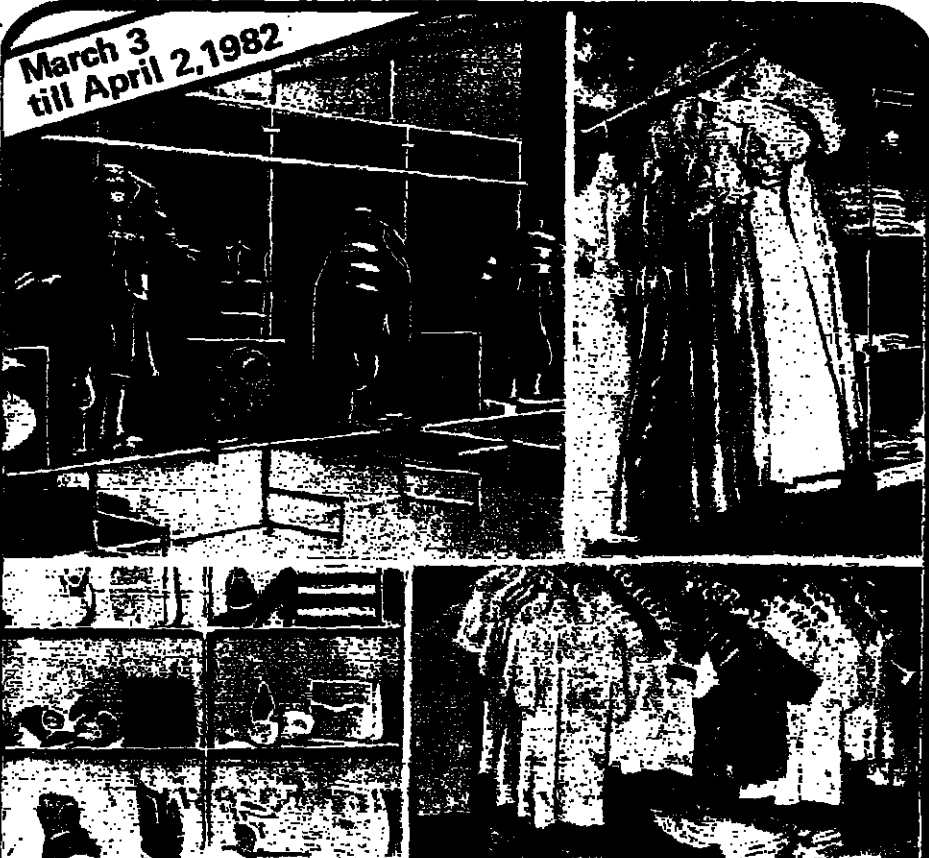
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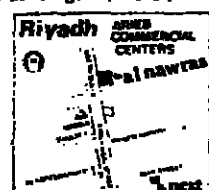
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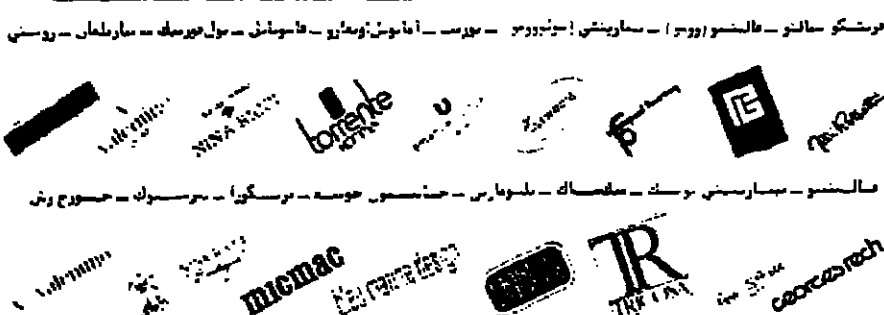
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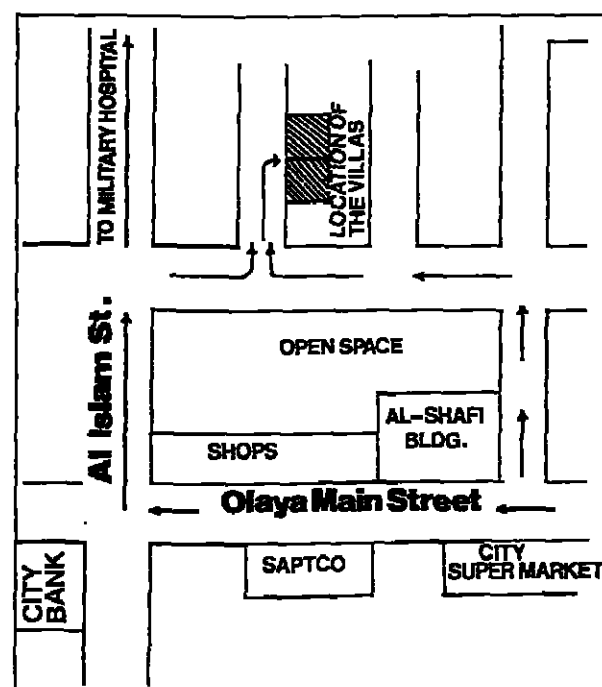


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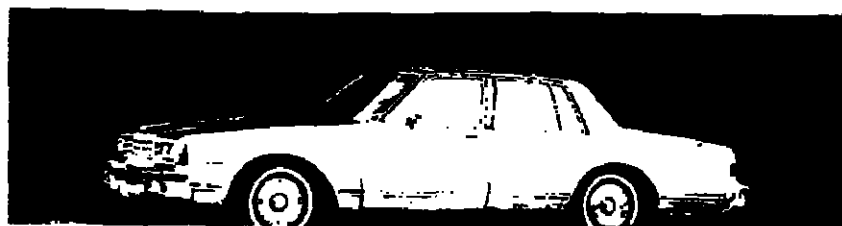
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### Despite Soviet freeze

## NATO to reaffirm N-missiles deployment

BRUSSELS, March 19 (R) — NATO is expected to reaffirm next week that it will station new nuclear missiles in Europe despite a Soviet freeze on its own deployment of medium range missiles west of the Urals. NATO diplomats said Friday, Moscow's initiative and NATO's next move will be discussed at a meeting of Western alliance defense ministers at Colorado Springs in the United States Tuesday.

The diplomats said the ministers would decide to go ahead with the deployment of Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles if no progress were made at talks between the United States and the Soviet Union on limiting medium range missiles in Europe. The meeting, of NATO's Nuclear Planning Group (NPG), was also expected to reaffirm support for President Ronald Reagan's proposal to remove all medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

NATO capitals have reacted coolly to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's unilateral initiative this week. The continuation of the initiative is dependent on the Cruise and Pershing missiles not being deployed. NATO fears the arrangement would consolidate Soviet nuclear superiority because of the missiles already in place.

Washington's allies are expected to press at Colorado Springs for renewed negotiations on intercontinental ballistic missiles. These have been in limbo since the U.S. Congress refused to ratify the second Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II). The sources said Reagan might announce a resumption of the talks at a NATO summit in June, together with proposals for sweeping cuts in the number of nuclear weapons held by both sides.

It has always been the European view that U.S.-Soviet talks on medium-range weapons could not be entirely dissociated from the strategic negotiations. The Geneva talks, began in November and recessed for two months this week without real bargaining having begun according to U.S. chief negotiator Paul Nitze. The two sides still disagree about which weapons to include.

Last October, the NPG decided that NATO should offer to give up plans to station 572 Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in Europe if the Soviet Union scrapped its existing missiles. The Soviet Union has since deployed SS-20 missiles, each of which has three nuclear warheads, at the rate of one every five days and 300 are now in place, according to NATO intelligence.

On Friday, West Germany told the Soviet Union that only the complete removal of Soviet medium-range nuclear missiles could prevent the deployment of similar U.S. missiles in West Germany next year. Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher underlined Bonn's stance at a meeting with Soviet Ambassador Vladimir Semenov, who gave him a text of Brezhnev's declaration on nuclear arms this week.

A Foreign Ministry statement said Genscher warned the Soviet envoy that Moscow would be making a grave error if it thought Bonn would not be able to station the Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles if U.S.-Soviet arms control talks failed to produce results.

Moscow has been giving strong encouragement to West Germans campaigning to stop the missile deployment. West German officials interpreted Brezhnev's announcement this week of a unilateral freeze on the stationing of SS-20 missiles as being aimed more at the peace movement than at Western governments.

Genscher said Bonn always examined Soviet disarmament proposals closely. But he added that West Germany was deeply concerned by the fact that 300 of the triple-warhead SS-20 missiles had already been deployed. He appealed once again to the Kremlin leaders to remove these missiles. The foreign minister also renewed West Germany's condemnation of the Soviet military occupation of Afghanistan and its call for an end to martial law in Poland, the statement added.

Meanwhile, the Soviet leadership has said Washington had not seriously analyzed Brezhnev's proposed unilateral moratorium on deploying Soviet SS-20 missiles. It was reported Friday.

In reporting the initial official reaction Thursday to Washington's rejection of the Soviet move, newspapers denounced "the incoherence and contradiction of hasty assessments given to the peace initiatives of the Soviet Union by representatives of the American administration."

## America sanctions team returning empty-handed

LONDON, March 19 (R) — Key allies told the United States this week not to rely on Western Europe joining a trade credit squeeze against Moscow and the Communist bloc. A U.S. mission seeking support for tougher trade policies is returning to Washington virtually empty-handed after a five-nation European talks, U.S. and European sources said.

The American officials were given a polite hearing but found European ministers keen to continue East-West trading and reluctant to risk losing business by tightening credit. In Bonn, they were told sanctions against Moscow "should not hurt the West more than they hurt the Russians."

political spinoff in helping to maintain dialogue and because it keeps up to 500,000 persons in jobs in Western Europe.

The U.S. officials visited Bonn, Paris, London, Rome and Brussels during the week-long tour. In Brussels Friday, they were meeting NATO and European Economic Community diplomats. In France and West Germany, they were told that curbs on trade would impose an unfair burden on Western Europe at a time when the United States is still selling large quantities of grain to the Soviet Union.



U.S. DEFENSE TRIO: President Ronald Reagan announces his intention to nominate Gen. Charles Gabriel (right) to be chief of staff of the Air Force and Adm. James Watkins to be chief of naval operations at an Oval Office meeting Thursday. At left is U.S. Army Gen. John Vessey, who will take over as the new chairman of the joint chiefs of staff when Gen. David C. Jones retires in June.

Lord Carrington, Britain's foreign secretary, said the "time isn't ripe" for new trade embargoes. He also insisted that contracts signed by British firms must be honored. Although the Europeans agreed to stay in touch with Washington on the whole issue, diplomats said it was highly unlikely that agreement could be reached on any measures that would seriously affect East-West trade.

The seven-nation U.S. group, led by Undersecretary of State James Buckley, sought a joint policy that would bar easy loans and trade subsidies to the Soviet bloc and a temporary ban on credits while the West rethinks its lending strategy.

The Reagan administration believes the NATO alliance should take advantage of Moscow's economic troubles instead of helping the Kremlin with financial concessions that leave it free to divert scarce hard currency to military purposes. The basic European view is that trade with the East has a

While official comments were couched in vague terms, emphasizing European understanding for U.S. views, diplomats made it clear the Americans were rebuffed almost everywhere. A French official said the U.S. argument, taken to its logical conclusion, would halt all East-West commerce.

"Any move in this direction could only complicate further the international economic situation and make things worse for all of us," the official said. French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson said: "We are not quite ready to accept anything they (Americans) say when their interests at times are different from ours."

The British Foreign Office described the issues discussed as difficult, but said the talks were fruitful and would be continued. British officials tried to play down reports that Buckley had sought specific measures. London newspapers described his visit as a setback in U.S. efforts to punish Moscow for martial law in Poland. In Rome, Foreign Ministry sources called Buckley's talks inconclusive.

## Minister leaves for Washington Japan-U.S. annual talks set

TOKYO, March 19 (AFP) — Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshio Sakuruchi leaves for Washington Saturday for the latest in a series of annual talks with United States officials. The visit, which is to discuss bilateral and other problems, comes at a time of growing irritation with Japan in the United States.

However, Sakuruchi hopes to focus on international questions rather than bilateral problems, officials in his party said. The Polish situation, Sino-American relations and the question of aid to countries in the Caribbean will be among the topics covered, an official announcement added.

There is some doubt, however, whether he will succeed in relegating bilateral questions to second place. The two-way trade situation has annoyed the United States to an extent that could change the privileged relationship between the two trading partners unless a solution is found.

The main problem between the two countries is the considerable trade deficit in Japan's favor (\$18 billion in 1981). Japan's slim defense budget (less than one percent of gross national product) is another source of friction. Washington has been urging the Japanese for years to open up their markets and also play a larger part in "the defense of the free world" on the other.

A series of trade negotiations has finally given way to fierce U.S. criticism of Japanese methods, which have not led to any extra material concessions by Tokyo. American officials will certainly ask Sakuruchi for more generous efforts.

But the request is not generally expected to result in any new suggestions, apart from the creation of a new channel of communication at the ministerial level. So discord between the two capitals is likely to persist. Sakuruchi, for his part, announced to the

Diet (parliament) that the United States would also have to take "spectacular steps" to resolve the bilateral trade dispute.

Sakuruchi will only touch in a general way on defense issues with Deputy Secretary for Defense Frank Carlucci, the Foreign Ministry announced. The subject will be covered in greater detail during U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's visit to Tokyo starting March 25.

During his trip, Sakuruchi will meet President Ronald Reagan, Vice President George Bush, Secretary of State Alexander Haig and all top economic officials. He will also have talks with congressmen in charge of trade disputes and with members of the foreign affairs committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

## Move against French N- tests mullied

WELLINGTON, March 19 (AFP) — The New Zealand Labor opposition has proposed a boycott of French goods in shops here to show disapproval of French nuclear testing in the south Pacific. Labor leader Bill Rowling Friday said a ban on buying French goods "puts the perpetrator of the crime (of nuclear testing in the south Pacific) under penalty."

Rowling also confirmed that he would make a personal approach to French President Francois Mitterrand to halt the French nuclear test program. "He (Mitterrand) had advocated very strongly at Socialist International forums that we Socialists of the world must join together to get rid of this awful nuclear testing. I have admired him for it, and shall remind him of it," said Rowling.

But the labor leader rejected Australian and New Zealand trade union proposals for an across-the-board ban on all trade with France. "It would be more effective if rather than that, they decided not to buy French as long as testing went on. It would not affect their own members by cutting both ways, as a

full trade ban will do," he said.

New Zealand sold \$95 million worth of goods to France last year. Rowling blamed the government of Robert Muldoon, which he said, had forced New Zealand trade unions "to come out with a scheme like the total trade ban. The government has been totally gutless in its approach."

Rowling said the unions had had to take no action during Labor's term of office, when a New Zealand Navy frigate was sent to Mururoa in protest at nuclear test and the Labor government challenged the legality of the French actions in the World Court.

"I think a buying ban by New Zealand's half million trade unionists and their families would be a more effective protest" and would not "disrupt things on the home front," said Rowling.

A French nuclear testing program is expected to start at the Mururoa and nearby Fangataua atolls at any time, sources here said. Pacific trade unions plan meetings in April and September to decide on action against the nuclear testing program.

## Gen. Dozier reassigned to America

NAPLES, Italy March 19 (R) — Brig. Gen. James Dozier, the U.S. Army officer held captive by Italian leftist guerrillas for 42 days, has been reassigned to the United States, NATO announced Friday.

Gen. Dozier, senior American officer at NATO's south European land forces base in Verona, northern Italy, will take up his new post later this year as deputy commanding general of the U.S. army armor center at Fort Knox, Kentucky, a NATO statement said.

He was seized from his Verona apartment in a commando raid by Red Brigades urban guerrillas on Dec. 17 and was rescued by Italian police from a "peoples' prison" in nearby Padua Jan. 28.

The trial of 17 alleged members of the kidnap was adjourned Friday after trial judges and lawyers completed their examination of defendants and witnesses.

U.S. military officials in Naples described Gen. Dozier's transfer as a routine reassignment to a job carrying about the same level of responsibility.

## Tooth-pulling gadget

CANBERRA, March 19 (AFP) — The designer of a gadget that could take some of the pain out of pulling teeth was given a grant Friday to develop a prototype of the device. Dr. Edwin Henrich, a south Australian scientist, was awarded 2,736 Australian dollars (\$2,913) to create the model, which would extract the tooth like a miniature hydraulic lift.

The invention would use surrounding teeth as a platform, enabling the device to exert a force of 45 kilograms (99 pounds). For decades, manual extractions have obliged dentists to lever teeth and use forceps to twist and push.

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Bangkok	28	82	34	93	clear	Moscow	-3	27	5	41	clear
Beirut	10	50	18	64	cloudy	New Delhi	16	60	28	82	clear
Berlin	3	37	5	41	rain	New York	2	36	12	54	rain
Brussels	2	35	8	46	cloudy	Nicosia	5	41	16	61	clear
Buenos Aires	17	82	27	81	clear	Oaxa	1	34	4	39	cloudy
Cairo	9	48	22	72	clear	Paris	3	37	11	52	cloudy
Caracas	16	67	28	82	cloudy	Rio de Janeiro	19	66	32	90	clear
Chicago	1	35	10	51	rain	Rome	10	50	13	55	clear
Copenhagen	1	34	5	41	cloudy	San Francisco	-6	44	11	52	cloudy
Dublin	3	37	9	48	rain	Seoul	-2	28	11	52	cloudy
Frankfurt	-2	28	9	48	rain	Singapore	25	77	31	88	cloudy
Helsinki	-5	23	1	34	clear	Stockholm	1	34	2	36	cloudy
Hong Kong	19	66	25	77	clear	Sydney	16	61	25	77	clear
Jakarta	24	75	32	90	clear	Taipei	18	64	26	79	clear
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	32	90	rain	Tokyo	6	43	11	52	cloudy
London	4	40	8	46	cloudy	Toronto	1	34	4	39	cloudy
Los Angeles	5	42	15	59	cloudy	Vancouver	1	34	10	50	clear
Madrid	3	37	16	61	clear	Vienna	6	42	7	45	cloudy
Manila	21	70	34	93	clear						

## 4 Dutch newsmen said executed in Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, March 19 (Agencies) — Four Dutch TV newsmen were killed when they went to cover the guerrilla side of El Salvador's war, and the Dutch government said Friday reports indicate Salvadoran troops executed them.

At a news conference in The Hague, the Dutch capital, a reporter asked Foreign Minister Max van der Stoep whether he believed the shooting deaths were a case of "cold-blooded murder." Van der Stoep responded: "There are reports that indicate it was."

He said Salvadoran officials had told Dutch representatives the journalists were killed by bullets from government troops. "When people are shot in cold blood it is a very, very serious matter," Van der Stoep said, adding that he had sent the Dutch ambassador in Mexico to San Salvador to investigate the killings.

The Salvadoran Defense Ministry maintains the Dutch television crew was covering the guerrilla side of El Salvador's civil war, and were shot when an army patrol returned fire from a rebel band in Chalatenango province.

vides humanitarian aid to refugees of the Salvador conflict, which totalled 2.9 million guilders (\$1.16 million) in 1981.

Holland has diplomatic ties with El Salvador but is represented there only by an honorary consul-general. A Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said in The Hague Ambassador Baron Johan C.P. Speyart van Wouden, the Dutch diplomatic representative in Mexico City, was already under way to San Salvador to conduct the investigation.

The four journalists were identified as Koos Koster, 46, a correspondent working for the Dutch Inter-Church Broadcasting Service (Ikon), Jan Kuiper, 40, an Ikon editor, Ikon cameraman Joop Willemse, 4, and Ikon sound technician Hans Ter Laan, 25. Salvadoran authorities said they were killed Wednesday near Santa Rita in Chalatenango province, but Ikon said it has no reports of any fighting in the area.

## State poll may hit Schmidt coalition

BONN, March 19 (R) — A state election Sunday, the first of four to be held this year could spell fresh trouble for West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's uneasy coalition government.

Some 5.4 million people in the Conservative-ruled north German state of Lower Saxony have the vote in a contest which at first sight decides only the make-up of the local parliament (Landtag) in Hanover. But against a background of persisting unrest in Schmidt's left-liberal alliance, the outcome is sure to be seen as a pointer to the survival chances of the Bonn government.

Opinion polls leave little room for doubt that Christian Democratic (CDU) state Premier Ernst Albrecht, 51, a potential opposition candidate for the chancellorship, will be returned to power. The CDU is credited with around 50 percent support, so the key question for West German commentators has been whether Albrecht retains an overall majority or needs to forge a possible coalition with the liberal Free Democrats (FDP).

Party strategists say a straight win for Albrecht would boost CDU efforts to capture Hamburg from Schmidt's Social Democrats (SPD) in June and topple the left-liberal state government of Hesse in September.

The Hesse election is perhaps the most decisive of the four in national terms since the local alliance of Social and Free Democrats mirroring the line-up in Bonn, is the last of its kind to survive at state level.

An upset there would deal the Bonn coalition a powerful psychological blow, if not a fatal one, CDU strategists believe. The last state poll, in October, will be in the conservative bastion of Bavaria. Like other opposition politicians, Albrecht says Bonn government policy is in a state of deep crisis.

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